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Dutch Zionist Activities.

Refers Hague despatch 410 (E6731/14/31) of July 11. Informs that at general assembly of Netherlands Zionist League which opened in Amsterdam on 23, John de chairman, M.T. Van Amerongen, expressed bitter criticism of British conduct in Palestine.

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BRITISH EMBASSY,  
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25th February, 1947.

No. 117.  
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Sir,

With reference to my despatch No. 410 of 11th July, 1946, I have the honour to inform you that, at a General Assembly of the Netherlands Zionist League which opened in Amsterdam on 23rd February, the Chairman, Mr. J. van Amerongen, expressed bitter criticism of Britain's conduct in Palestine.

2. He said that Britain was pursuing a reign of terror in Palestine and was guilty of inhuman behaviour towards the thousands of Jews who had fled from Europe in distress seeking ultimate peace in Palestine. He praised the self-control of the Jewish community in Palestine for not being influenced by the behaviour of embittered terrorists.

3. Mr. van Amerongen said that all proposals to reach a solution, such as those drawn up by the Anglo-American Commission and by Field Marshal Smuts, were being transformed by the British Government into schemes unacceptable to Jew and Arab alike. He affirmed that Britain had referred the Palestine problem to the United Nations in order to gauge the political and true power of the Jews before the next General Assembly should take place.

4. He rejected plans for Jewish emigration to Surinam and said that he was convinced that the only solution to the Jewish problem was the establishment of a free Jewish state "in the Jewish country".

5. It was decided by a large majority at the meeting to appeal to the Netherlands Government to support the Jewish cause when the Palestine problem came up for discussion at the next United Nations General Assembly.

6. A motion was also introduced expressing admiration for the attitude of the Jews in Palestine in their struggle for unrestricted and continuous immigration, for the Jewish aim of colonization of the whole of Palestine and resistance "within the framework of national discipline". Jews in Holland were urged to participate actively in the struggle.

I have the honour to be, with the highest respect,  
Sir,  
Your most obedient,  
humble Servant,

*Ernest Bevin*

The Right Honourable Ernest Bevin, M.P.

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Jews in Poland

Extract from New York Herald Tribune of Feb 17 by Marguerite Higgins. Making point Jews in Poland find life good and want to remain. The Jews themselves state that opportunities are of great value and will remain permanently in Poland giving up thought of emigration to Palestine.

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If true, this is of some importance from a Palestinian point of view. How in any confirmation?

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Refugee Dept. <sup>No comment.</sup> <sup>Amended 10/3</sup>

P. Bealey 4/3

There is no doubt that the Polish Govt & administration, both of which contain large numbers of Jews, will do its best to protect Jews; and its efforts are to do so are most likely to be successful in the 'Regained Territories' of which Lower Silesia forms a part.

2. On the other hand, <sup>(supporters of the)</sup> the Polish Govt <sup>(are in a)</sup> are in a minority. ~~are~~ The majority of Poles are anti-Semitic and in 'old' or rump Poland I have no doubt that the Jews have <sup>(really)</sup> a bad time.

3. The fact is that there is a constant flow of Jews illegally leaving Poland via Czechoslovakia. The governing factor in this may well be a psychological one - that Poland has been for six years nothing but a graveyard for Jews.

4. In view of this constant flow, I do not think that much attention should be paid to the article which appears to

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to be based on the position in Lower Silesia which is, as I have indicated, exceptional.

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NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1947

# Jews in Poland Find Life Good, Want to Remain

## Advantages for Work and Culture Highly Praised; Anti-Semitism Banished

By Marguerite Higgins

By Wireless to the Herald Tribune  
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WROCLAW (BRESLAU), Poland, Feb. 16.—The controversy over how Jews fare in the new Poland seems to have a clear answer here. Most of the 50,000 Jews in Lower Silesia say that opportunities are so great they will remain permanently in Poland, giving up thoughts of emigration to Palestine.

These decisions were outlined today by Jacob Egit, chairman of

the Lower Silesia Jewish Central Committee, with the explanation that Poland's Left-wing government has "given us every opportunity as Poles and Jews to live in this country."

Traveling through this territory to check at first hand on the treatment of Jews, I found this statement confirmed repeatedly by Jewish workers, members of co-operatives, teachers and students, who said the government had done its best to aid them.

This attitude contrasts sharply with that of illegal Polish Jewish immigrants whom I interviewed at displaced persons camps in Berlin in January, 1946. They said at that time the threat of anti-Semitic violence made life in Poland impossible for them and thousands of other Polish Jews who felt compelled to flee the country.

But now, a year later, Jews in Lower Silesia—which has the largest number of Jewish centers in Poland—seem optimistic that the government can protect them against any remaining anti-Semitic. The government has decreed

that anti-Semitic remarks or actions are punishable by jail sentences. As yet there have been no such incidents in this area.

Although most Lower-Silesian Jews prefer to remain in Poland, this does not mean they oppose Palestine as a Jewish national homeland. Many of the hundred-odd Jews with whom I spoke stated they favor it as a place for other Jews to go to.

Egit praised the government's encouragement of Jewish culture. In Lower Silesia alone there are now 400 Jewish institutions, including twenty-three Yiddish schools, he said. Two Jewish newspapers are published in Lower Silesia, one in Polish and one in Yiddish. There are ten Yiddish theaters, and radio programs are being planned.

A sociological revolution is taking place in Lower Silesia, of which Jews are proud. As Egit says, it is "the creation of a new Jew—a Jew who is primarily a worker and farmer, rather than, as in pre-war times, being restricted to

either the professional or merchant class."

There is considerable elation among Jewish leaders, for instance, over the fact that there is a total of 15,000 Jewish industrial workers in Lower Silesia. Before the war Jews were not allowed to work in state-owned factories and institutions. Restrictions of the semi-Fascist government more or less forced them to stay in either the professional or commercial classes.

With the working classes the most powerful influence in the new Poland, the Jews are pleased that they can take their place among the workers and join in rebuilding the country.

Already in Lower Silesia there are more than sixty-five co-operatives and 500 Jewish farmers. Youth homes have been established in this area in almost every industrial town with any sizable Jewish population. Those visited by this correspondent verified Egit's statement that in a short time the Jews have done wonders with very little.

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Dutch Guiana Haven offer to Jews.

Transmits text of article from New York Herald Tribune of Feb 23, by M. JAY RACUSIN stating that Govt of SURINAM valed to allow its sparsely populated areas open to homelss Jews from Europe, programme to establish Jewish colonies is proposed by Fredland Bergel, who are reluctant over the matter

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(which Refuge Dept welcome)

We have heard rumours of this event, but this is our first confirmation that anything is under way. Mr Steinberg is very anxious that something similar shall be done in British Guiana, and the C.O. is investigating prospects of resettlement there and also in British Honduras (where the Govt. of Guatemala are objecting). Mr Elliott (C.O.) (Palace Chambers) would be interested in this. Could a copy be sent to him?

W. H. Whinston 10/3

Copy Mr. Elliott, C.O. (Palace Chambers)

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to S. A. Pilbeam  
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# Dutch Guiana Haven Offer to Jews Is Praised

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for colonization, and there was jubilation therefore at the Broadway office when a cable was received from Dr. J. C. Bronz, Governor of Surinam, announcing that the Staaten, or Legislative Council, had approved the project. Dr. I. N. Steinberg, secretary-general of the league, said a committee would leave as quickly as possible for Dutch Guiana to select appropriate sites as to climate and natural resources and otherwise prepare for the project.

Those interested in the movement held that there are suitable lands for colonization of Europe's Jews in Australia, in the British, French and Dutch Guianas, in Canada and in Alaska. The British, French and Dutch governments were approached on the subject last summer by Dr. Steinberg, and it is understood their first reactions were favorable and sympathetic, and that negotiations are continuing while thorough surveys of the suitability of the areas and feasibility of the projects are now being prepared by the League for official consideration.

## Dominican Republic Offer

Last summer the Dominican Republic offered to provide land for the settlement of 100,000 Jewish refugees, but the League has decided, for the time being at least, that the available areas are not entirely suitable.

A chunk of land for such a project had been mapped out in Australia at the invitation of the Western Australia authorities a few years ago, but the central Australian government failed to give its consent to the venture.

Informal talks also have been held in Washington with officials in the State, War and Interior Departments on the idea of a settlement in Alaska and the possible introduction of a bill in Congress in the near future for the authorization of such a project. The Washington authorities are understood to have been favorably impressed with the suggestion and are investigating its possibilities and the many legal and political problems that might arise.

Dr. Steinberg said he was encouraged by statements made by Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson and Major General John H. Hilldring, Assistant Secretary of State, at the conference of the United Jewish Appeal last December.

"The resettlement issue is a world issue," Mr. Patterson said. "All countries with low populations and ample resources should see the advantage as well as the humanity in opening undeveloped areas to the refugees."

"The responsibility of the United States Government is really two-fold," said General Hilldring. "First, to care for these people on as high a standard as is possible; and second, to find them permanent homes."

"It should be made clear, of course, to the American government authorities," Dr. Steinberg emphasized, "that this solution of the problem of homeless Jews in Europe is not prejudicial to the plans and decisions of our admin-

istration with regard to Palestine. "While appreciating the great achievements of Jewish constructive work in Palestine," Dr. Steinberg explained, "the Freeland League does not adhere to the opinion that the whole future of Jewry must be bound up with that country. No realistic estimate can regard Palestine as the one and only place of refuge. Irrespective of the decisions which might be taken with regard to its political future, it is evident that Palestine cannot satisfy the needs of the European Jews for emigration and resettlement."

"Even if 100,000 Jews were admitted into Palestine, this single measure would touch only the fringe of the problem. According to the report of the Anglo-American Committee, as many as 500,000 Jewish refugees in Europe may wish or be impelled to emigrate from Europe."

Dr. Steinberg said that suitable sites for colonization would have to provide sufficient area, the climate would have to be suitable for white settlers, and the country would have to possess sufficient water and fertile soil for agricultural development. The land would have to be thinly populated to avoid conflict with native inhabitants and the project financed on a business basis rather than on a philanthropic one. Necessary funds, he said, would be provided by the Jewish people in this and other lands, with the possibility of an international loan.

## Advantages Are Listed

Areas in British, Dutch and French Guianas in South America were described by Dr. Steinberg as the most suitable for such ventures in point of the extent of lands available and the possible resources for development. British Guiana is 89,480 square miles in extent, about the size of England and Southern Ireland combined; Dutch Guiana, 54,291 square miles, three times the size of Belgium.

"For all of this vast territory," said Dr. Steinberg, "the population is broken down in this manner: British, 330,000; Dutch, 172,000; French, 31,000. This totals a little over half a million for all three areas. Each is capable of absorbing millions more. Palestine, only 9,000 square miles, has a population three times as great as that of the combined Guianas."

At the present time one of the Guianas would be sufficient to

start the ball rolling, with British Guiana as most desirable. There is evidence that the British may yet agree to some plan for a settlement in their territory. Dr. Steinberg recalled that before World War I the British offered to create a Jewish community in British Guiana but when the war started the proposal was shelved. The idea, however, was revived last July when George Hall, the Colonial Secretary, said that the "government will give the matter its further consideration if it is clear that this is desired by responsible Jewish authorities."

There are possibilities also in French Guiana on the basis of a statement by the French Colonial Minister who wrote to Dr. Steinberg: "I would be prepared to propose to the French government the consideration in principle of the colonization of a certain number of immigrants in territories of Overseas France suitable for such settlement. In view of the present political situation, it seems to me that the territory best suited for a project of this type would be French Guiana. After the preliminary investigation which I have ordered begun immediately, the question would pass on to the official level, and an offer could be made by the French government."

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## Dutch Guiana Haven Offer to Jews Is Praised

Freeland League Jubilant; Other Areas Held Fit for Colonization by D.P.s

By M. Jay Racusin

An extensive but little known program to establish colonies for Jewish refugees in parts of the world other than Palestine received its first signal advance last week when the government of Surinam, as Dutch Guiana in South America is known, voted to throw its sparsely populated areas open to homeless Jews from Europe.

The program is sponsored by the Freeland League, with headquarters at 1819 Broadway. Historically, it is a continuation of the Jewish Territorialist Organization which operated for many years up to 1925 under the leadership of the noted British author, Israel Zangwill. It was re-established in 1935 in New York and London with the aim of promoting Jewish colonization in thinly-populated areas other than Palestine, and later to solve the problem of finding homes for the displaced Jews of Europe.

The action of the Surinam government gave the Freeland League its first actual grant of territory

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D. 6.50 pm 5th March 1947

Repeated. Lubbecke

Your BGCC/3494 and BGCC/3580 dated 3rd and 4th March respectively.

Transfer of Jewish Nationals from Prague to Paris.

In circumstances reported in your second telegram we agree that train must be allowed to transit the US and French Zones.

As regards further requests of this kind we should prefer that they should be taken up by the Political Division either direct with the Capital concerned or in case of difficulty with the Foreign Office who will consult the Colonial Office in London.

The existing procedure of referring to the Control Office only makes for delay since we cannot do more than act as a post office. Letter follows to Political Division.

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D. 4.30 pm 27th. February, 1947.

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For information PWDP Div.

Your G/317 of 24th. February, 1947. Immigration of  
Jews to Palestine.

We concur.

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Palentine, Proposal by Rabbi Silver.  
Encloses copy of telegram from Rabbi Eliezer Silver and of Embassy reply. In which Rabbi Silver puts forward a proposal that it will declare Jerusalem an open or neutral city.

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HIS Majesty's Ambassador at Washington presents his compliments to His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and has the honour to transmit to him the under-mentioned documents.

*British Embassy*

*Washington, D. C.*

..... 4th March ....., 1947..

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HIS EXCELLENCY LORD INVERCHAPEL  
HIS MAJESTY'S AMBASSADOR TO U.S. WASH. D.C.

THE AGUDAS ISRAEL OF AMERICA AND CANADA RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS YOUR EXCELLENCY TO TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING DEMAND TO HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM: AS PRESIDENT OF THE GAUDATH ISRAEL OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA AND AS ONE OF THE LEADERS OF JEWRY, I HEREWITH SOLEMNLY DEMAND OF MY BRETHREN IN THE HOLY LAND, TO WHOM THE HOLINESS OF THE CITY OF JERUSALEM IS SACRED, AND OF THE BRITISH PEOPLE HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT AND THE BRITISH ADMINISTRATION IN PALESTINE, TO IMMEDIATELY DECLARE THE HOLY CITY OF JERUSALEM AS AN OPEN AND NEUTRAL CITY WITH THE PRIVILEGES AND RIGHTS HEREWITH INVOLVED:

- A CITY WHERE NO MILITARY OPERATIONS SHOULD TAKE PLACE, NO ARMS SHOULD BE USED AND NO MILITARY INSTALLATIONS BE MAINTAINED . I DEMAND FROM MY BRETHREN, REGARDLESS OF PARTY AFFILIATION, TO CEASE IMMEDIATELY ALL FIGHTING ACTIONS ON THE ENTIRE TERRITORY OF OLD AND NEW JERUSALEM. I DEMAND THAT FROM THIS DAY HENCEFORTH, THE NEUTRALITY OF THE HOLY CITY BE RESPECTED AS IS BEFITTING THE ETERNAL CITY, RESPECTED AND REVERED BY ALL RELIGIONS AND FAITHS FOR COUNTLESS GENERATIONS. I DEMAND FROM HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT TO WITHDRAW IMMEDIATELY ALL TROOPS ARMED FORCES MILITARY INSTALLATIONS, WEAPONS AND AMMUNITIONS FROM THIS TERRITORY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF NEUTRALITY JUST AS IN THE LAST WORLD WAR, CITIES HOLIED BY OTHER FAITHS WERE DECLARED NEUTRAL, I THEREFORE DEMAND THE SAME STATUS BE GIVEN TO THE HOLY CITY OF JERUSALEM, THE CRADLE OF CIVILIZATION. I AM CERTAIN, BEYOND DOUBT, THAT MY BRETHREN WILL ADHERE AND FULFIL THIS JUST AND RIGHTEOUS DEMAND, TO ITS LAST DETAIL REALIZING OF COURSE THE HIGHER MOTIVES WHICH MOTIVATED ME TO ISSUE THIS DEMAND. I THEREFORE FEEL JUSTIFIED IN DEMANDING OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT THAT IT IMMEDIATELY REMOVE ALL HER ARMED FORCES AND MILITARY INSTALLATIONS AND THUS FREE THE HOLY CITY FROM ITS ANGUISH AND MILITARY ATMOSPHERE, THEREBY RESTORING PEACE AND QUIET. I AM CERTAIN THAT THIS DEMAND IS SUPPORTED BY THE WHOLE CIVILIZED WORLD - REGARDLESS OF RACE AND CREED - DEMANDING TO RESTORE JERUSALEM - HER FREEDOM, BY DECLARING IT AN OPEN AND NEUTRAL CITY - FREE FROM ALL RESTRICTIONS AND LIMITATIONS. PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM: DO NOT DESECRATE THE HOLIEST CITY IN THE WORLD.

RABBI ELIEZER SILVER

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Zionists Meeting

Refer W'gon letter 200/147 of Feb 21.  
(E 1806/32/31) State the National Administrative Council of Jewish Zionist Organization of America held a meeting in Pittsburgh on Feb. 21 on subject of Palestine, and adopted resolution that American Zionists would lend all their resources to continuing a never-ending flow of imm. to Palestine.

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BRITISH EMBASSY,

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Dear Department,

Our letter 200/-/47 of 21st February reported an extraordinary session of the American Zionist Emergency Council recently held in Washington to discuss the Palestine question. The National Administrative Council of Silver's Zionist Organization of America, one of the Emergency Council's constituent bodies, held a meeting in Pittsburgh on March 2nd on the same general subject. In a resolution adopted by 250 members from forty states, the Council pledged, according to the press, that American Zionists would lend all their resources to continuing a never-ending flow of visa-less immigrants to Palestine in defiance of the British blockade.

Dr. Silver, President of the Zionist Organization of America, called on the U.S. Government, as a leading member of the United Nations, to exercise its influence in that body to secure - pending a final settlement - measures to compel Britain to fulfil the obligations of the Mandate and to admit 100,000 Jews to Palestine. Dr. Emanuel Neumann, who was Silver's representative on the unofficial Zionist delegation in London, expressed doubt whether Britain intended to relinquish the Mandate, no matter what action was decided upon by the United Nations. Dr. Sneh also spoke and called for permanent resistance to the anti-Jewish regime in Palestine, the continuance of so-called illegal immigration and the rousing of public opinion throughout the world against British imperialism in Palestine.

The Administrative Council, after hearing

Eastern Department,  
Foreign Office,  
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Drs. Silver and Neumann, adopted a resolution asking the United Nations to issue an interim decision requiring that the provisions of the Mandate be applied. The delegates also resolved, according to the press, that Britain's appeal to the United States to take over in Greece should not be acted upon separately but in the context of the whole political situation in the Middle East, including the Palestine question. They also endorsed the projected goal of the Zionist Organization of America for a million members within two years and for the raising of a million dollars this year to finance an enlarged programme of public relations and education.

We are sending a copy of this letter to Jerusalem.

Yours ever,

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American Jewish Committee, on Palestine.  
Transmit copy of resolution by American Jewish  
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earnestly urging I.M.F. to take such action  
in respect to Palestine as will discharge  
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HIS Majesty's Ambassador at Washington presents his compliments to His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and has the honour to transmit to him the under-mentioned documents.

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AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE'S POSITION ON PALESTINE AS  
APPROVED AT FORTIETH ANNUAL MEETING, COMMODORE HOTEL,  
NEW YORK CITY, January 26 1947

The Statement of Views adopted by the American Jewish Committee on January 31, 1943, has guided its activities concerning Palestine for the past four years. The Committee's primary interests with respect to Palestine have always been the right of Jewish immigration and land ownership, and the fostering of an adequate home for Jews who wish to go there to build their lives. These are the essential objectives. To that end, the Committee has supported the Balfour Declaration and the Mandate, which, as officially elucidated in 1922, call upon Great Britain to facilitate such immigration up to the economic absorptive capacity of the country. The Committee has consistently opposed the White Paper of 1939 and called for its revocation because it arbitrarily restricts Jewish immigration and acquisition of land-limitations which still exist in violation of the terms of the Mandate as declared by the Mandates Commission of the League of Nations.

The American Jewish Committee has always maintained that there is no irreconcilable conflict between the interests of Arabs and Jews, and recognizes the legitimate interests of the Arabs in Palestine.

The Committee condemns all acts of terrorism and violence. Such acts are not only prejudicial and harmful to these major objectives but they are also contrary to the spirit of the Jewish religion and tradition. The Committee urges Jews everywhere to refrain from supporting in any way all such acts.

The American Jewish Committee in 40th Annual Meeting assembled earnestly urges the British Government to take such action in respect to Palestine as will discharge Great Britain's obligation as expressed in its Mandate "to facilitate Jewish immigration into Palestine." To that end it again urges

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immediate abrogation of the White Paper of 1939 as being inconsistent not only with the best British tradition under which Jewish immigration and land purchase were permitted, but also with Great Britain's Mandate obligations. It earnestly hopes that Great Britain as the Mandatory will itself initiate a prompt and satisfactory solution of the ultimate problem of Government in Palestine, with complete fairness to Arabs and Jews alike, which will guarantee to every Palestinian complete political equality. But if such solution is not promptly achieved, there should nevertheless be immediate recognition of the need and right of Jewish immigration and land purchase. The Committee urges that a way be found for participation in conference by all interested groups. It requests the continuance by the Government of the United States of sympathetic cooperation for the attainment of these objectives. It urges upon all parties the absolute necessity of reasonable negotiations based upon considerations of justice and mutual forbearance.

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Jewish Organisations.

Enclosed copy of Report No 91 of 14 Feb from G. G. Shanghai, enclosing copy of memo compiled by W.M.F. Gill of Consulate Staff, containing much useful information regarding Jewish Organisations in Shanghai

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BRITISH CONSULATE-GENERAL,  
S H A N G H A I,  
14th February, 1947.

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Sir,

With reference to Your Excellency's telegram to Shanghai No. 178 of the 2nd January, 1947, regarding visa applications which might be received from officials or representatives of certain Jewish organizations, I have the honour to enclose herein copy of a memorandum compiled by Mr. H. F. Gill of the staff of this Consulate-General, and containing much useful information regarding Jewish organizations known to be in existence in Shanghai.

Copy of a Memorandum  
compiled by Mr. Gill

2. I venture to draw Your Excellency's particular attention to this report which is typical of the very useful and careful work that is being done in matters of this nature by Mr. Gill.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your Excellency's most obedient,  
humble Servant,

(Signed) A. G. N. Ogden

CONSUL-GENERAL.

His Majesty's Ambassador,  
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Sir,

Jewish organizations in Shanghai.

With reference to the telegram received from H.B.M. Ambassador regarding the issue of visas to persons connected with certain Jewish organizations, I beg to submit information that I have been able to obtain regarding these bodies.

It is stated that no branches exist in China of the following:-

Palestinian Resistance Committee  
American League for Free Palestine  
American Sea & Air Volunteers for Free Palestine  
Palestian Emergency Fund  
Hebrew Committee for National Liberation  
Jewish National Council  
Nordau Circle.

The National Jewish Council is believed to exist only in Palestine, whilst the Nordau Circle is said to have formerly existed in Germany and France but is now extinct.

The following are represented in Shanghai, although the suffix "of America" is not added:-

United Zionists Revisionists  
Brith Trumpeldor

The National Jewish Youth Council exists in Shanghai and is fairly active but appears to avoid participation in political matters. It meets at regular intervals in Kadoorie's school.

The League for Jewish National Labour in Palestine is probably identical with Poale Zion, otherwise known as Histraduth, which exists in Shanghai but only as a small group.

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Asirai Zion Fund is also represented amongst the Jewish community but is not active.

In addition the following groups are known to exist in Shanghai:-

Keron Hayesoth  
Algemaine Zionists  
Mizrahi (religious jews)

The latter group has considerably diminished in recent months due to the departure of members to the U.S.A. and Canada.

As will be seen from the above, the Zionist organizations are fairly numerous but usually only have a small membership (Brith Trumpeldor excepted).

There is no evidence of any close connection with Palestinian terrorist organizations, although this possibility must not be ruled out. Recently there has been a noticeable drop in the interest in Palestine although recent political events may reverberate in Shanghai.

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About one year ago, as many as 15% of local D.P.s registered Palestine as their future home. A recent survey however showed that only about 3%, the majority of whom were descendants of Palestinian Jews, still wish to go there.

A sizable number of local D.P.s wish to go to various Dominions, Australia (top priority), Canada, etc., and do not favour any anti-British action.

It has been emphatically stated by local Jewish residents of standing that although they cannot guarantee that some isolated acts of misbehaviour towards British interests might not occur, the general Jewish population realize that assistance to Palestinian terrorism from Shanghai is not practical and that a great injury to Jewish interests may result from antagonizing British authorities in the Far East.

The action in refusing visa to local Jewish delegates, well known amongst interested Jewish quarters, is said to have had a very sobering effect.

A summary of prominent Jewish associations in Shanghai is appended for general information. The largest group is the Brith Trumpeldor, which at its inception was purely a youth organization but which in recent years has become a political body.

**Brith Trumpeldor:** The Brith Trumpeldor was a youth organization which follows the Revisionists' policy in Zionist matters. They are strongly opposed to the English Colonial policy regarding the administration of Palestine, because they demand absolute freedom for the Jews to govern Palestine. They are particularly opposed to the quota system which has until recently regulated Jewish immigration into Palestine.

The organization's main objects are said to be mental and physical education as preparation for future life in Palestine. Here in Shanghai it is mainly the mental education which characterizes the organization's activities. The members are divided into three groups according to their age. They meet once weekly to study Zionist matters, Jewish history, the Hebrew language, etc. The youngest group also receives instruction in scouting etc.

The organization also arranges lectures, commemorative meetings, special holiday celebrations. Once each month the three groups meet, so that all members remain in contact with one another.

The Chairman is appointed by the council of New Zionist Organizations in China. He in turn appoints the members of the committee. The present Chairman, Vladimir Gregorievitch Zoubitsky, Russian Jew, age about 43 years, residing No. 82 Nanyang Road, employed in Far Eastern Textile Corp. 81, Jinkee Road, has been connected with Zionist organizations since 1924. He was born 25.5.04 in Kunalei, Siberia, went to Belgium for studies in 1922. Went to France, Roumania etc. in 1926 and returned to the Far East in 1936. Arrived in Shanghai from Tientsin in 1938.

After the outbreak of the Pacific war, the refugee Jews in Shanghai had to move into a segregated area by the order of the Japanese authorities. For their convenience a branch of Brith Trumpeldor was opened in this area and had its address at 630 Muirhead Road.

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The organization is registered with the Police. The date of its formation is given as May 1931, with the present address as c/o The Jewish Club, 1623 Peking Road, Western.

Ashkenazi Jewish Association: The Shanghai Ashkenazi Communal Association is one of the main organizations with which local Jews are registered. According to the bye laws of the association "All Jewish men and women who lived in the Far East prior to 1937, and their descendants, may become members of the Association". There are at the present time four or five thousand on the membership lists of the Association. Approximately 80% are Russian Jews, the remainder being nationals of various countries and Jews of unsettled nationality.

The association registers births, marriages and deaths of its members, and concerns itself with the moral and physical well-being of its members.

Religious, charitable, and educational activities are carried out through eight affiliated societies which are controlled by the association, viz:-

Ashkenazi Hewra Kadisha (Baikal Road cemetery).  
Synagogues at 102 Rue Tenant de la Tour & 62 Ward Road.

Mishmeres Hoilim Hospital.  
Educational Aid Society.  
S'hai Hebrew Relief Society & Shelter House.  
Ashkenazi Committee for Assistance to Jewish Refugees from Central Europe.  
" " " Eastern Europe.  
Mahazikai Talmud Torah.

The Association's offices are located at 102 Rue Tenant de la Tour, and the association is ruled by a General committee of eleven members which directs the activities of the community. The President is one, B. L. Radomishelsky, Russian Jew, an attorney at law, residing at 1033/30 Ave. Joffre. He was born in Vladivostock, 23.6.96 and arrived in Shanghai in 1922. He served on various committees of the association and was elected President in 1942.

New Zionist Organization: The New Zionist Organization was founded in 1935, and stated that the objects of the association was the propaganda of the Zionist ideals in order to establish a Jewish state in Palestine. The aims of the association are very much the same as those of the "Kadimah" organization, which is dealt with under that heading.

The members of the New Zionist Organization endeavour to speed up the political education of the Jews through lectures and books on Jewish life, describing the plight of Jews throughout the world. In their propaganda for the establishment of a Jewish state, they claim that they are willing to fight and are to a certain extent opposed to their own nationals for not assisting their brothers in Palestine to defend themselves.

The main activities of the organization are limited to performances and lectures in the Jewish club.

The members are in close touch with the Brith Trumpeldor organization.

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Prominent members of the Executive Committee are:

Leon Emmanuelovitch Tomchinsky, age 47 years, born in Odessa, arrived in Shanghai from Harbin, 25.2.39.  
Vladimir Grigorievitch Zoubitsky (President of the Brith Trumpeldor) age 44 years, born in Russia, arrived in Shanghai from Paris, November 1937, speaks English, French, Russian, Roumanian and Hebrew.  
Erno Lazarevich Grohovsky, age 57 years, born in Kiev, arrived in China from Harbin, 1936. Has Soviet & Russian emigrant papers.  
Judith Hasser, age 30 years, born in Shanghai. A clever woman and said to prepare many of the anti-British speeches which have been delivered from time to time at Jewish meetings in Shanghai.

Shanghai Zionist Organisation "Kadimah": The organization was formed in 1919 with the avowed intention of the promotion of a national Jewish movement for establishing a state in Palestine, but as a non-political group. They claimed to be followers of Theodor Herzl who formed the idea that the solution of the Jewish problem was in the establishment and immigration of world Jewry into a Jewish state in Palestine. He established the Jewish Congress in Geneva. Small activity of the organization is observed and the activities at the present time are limited to the celebration of Herzl, the observation of the anniversary of the meeting of the Jewish Congress in Geneva, and debates and lectures.

(Signed) H. F. Gill

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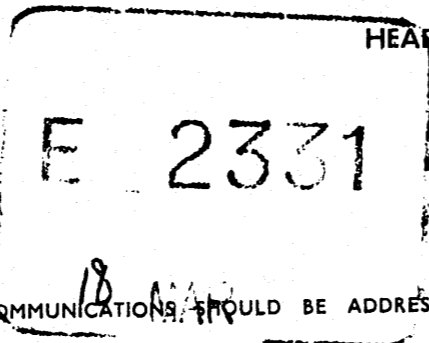
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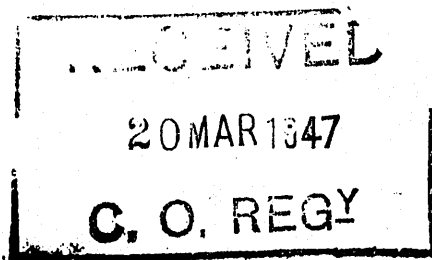
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## A FOREIGN OFFICE PLOT!

Government Favours Jewish Weekly. "Hazofe" of Tel Aviv revelations

When the electricity ban on periodicals was first announced it was not clear whether weekly newspapers were included. A subsequent statement was issued by the Fuel authorities, but by that time our issue of February 21st was already in print and was duly published.

In the following week, like all other weekly periodicals and newspapers, the Jewish Weekly did not appear.

This very simple matter has however been magnified into a British government plot by some sections of the Palestine Jewish press.

One can visualise the conversation of Mr. Bevin with Mr. Shinwell: "Sorry, old man, but you must allow the Jewish Weekly to be published. Here is a wonderful chance. The whole Jewish press is closed down, and the voice of the *Jewish Weekly* alone will be heard throughout the Anglo-Jewish community. I have seen a copy of the leading article which they propose to publish. In fact *entre nous*, our own propaganda department has written it, so whatever happens, the paper must appear. This will shatter Gt-Russell Street. No, sorry, I can't agree to *Chayenu*."

And now the secret is out.

In its issue of February 23rd, *Hazofe*, the well known friend of orthodoxy, divulges the Government plot.

"There is great excitement in London", we are told. "The *Jewish Weekly* has received permission to appear whilst all other papers, Jewish, Catholic and Protestant, have closed down. It is suspected (how suspicious *Hazofe* is of anything associated with independent orthodoxy) that there are political causes for this permission, connected with Palestine and Zionism."

But, gently, suspicion is not enough. *Hazofe* produces the proof: "These suspicions are strengthened as a result of the leading articles which appeared in the Weekly of that week", it writes:

And at considerable cable expense our editorial of that issue is quoted at length. This seems an unnecessary

points out that the *Jewish Weekly* has not said anything which Agudist and many Zionist newspapers, have not repeatedly said for many years.

*Hazofe* must look for new plots, perhaps this time with a little more intelligence.

The whole story savours of a diseased mind, a joke, perhaps a tragic joke.

### Strong Reaction

IN AMERICA TO MR. BEVIN'S SPEECH

Washington (J.T.A.)— American political circles are reacting strongly to the accusations made by Mr. Bevin in the course of his speech in the House of Commons.

Mr. Charles Eaton, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives, said that the speech was "so fraught with passion and fear" as to make the finding of a solution difficult.

Stressing that this is a world problem requiring international agreement, Mr. Eaton recommended a reduction of "agitation" until September when the United Nations will be able to give the question "full, tolerant and impartial study"

Mr. John McCormick, Democratic Whip in the House of Representatives, said, "I am amazed that Foreign Minister Bevin should make a statement like this. To say it is indiscreet, is a mild characterisation. Mr. Truman had a perfect right to take the position he did."

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Let us see what Bevin paid for, and why Shinwell gave us a special ration of electricity.

"The Labour party went back on its pre-election pledges, the Labour government did not accept the Anglo-American Commission of Enquiry's report. Labour placed the Yishuv under an intolerable provocation. Labour has not annulled the illegal White Paper of 1939. We had no brief for the vacillating policy of this Government."

But *Hazofe* is not fooled.

Did not the article contain an attack against Zionist leadership. It did, indeed.

"By insisting on a Jewish State, the political Zionists who control the Board of Deputies and the American Jewish Conference overreached themselves and blasted Jewish unity... Never has Zionist leadership reached a lower level. The British government has shown a lack of understanding of the problems involved, but Jewish leadership is no less to blame. We are in for a difficult time. It is hardly imaginable that even with a strong lead from the British government the United Nations will find it easy to settle so difficult a problem. A new deal is called for, with new leaders who realise that the call of the moment is not political prestige or party victory, but to save the *Sherith Hapleta*, the unhappy remnants of Israel".

This, then, is the result of the secret conspiracy between Mr. Shinwell and the *Jewish Weekly*.

*Kol Isroel*, the leading orthodox Jewish newspaper in Palestine, in its issue of February 27th, rightly

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Encloses correspondence with Mr Ernest E Rinke, Acting President of Jewish Community of the Philippines Inc. (copies of two tele enclosed) to the Prime Minister and H/C Palestine from community, stating Jewish cause and asking Embassy for New Greenet.

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JEWISH COMMUNITY OF THE PHILIPPINES, INC.  
349 Tanduay, Manila  
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The Honorable Linton H. Foulds  
Minister of Great Britain  
Ayala Bldg., Manila

Your Excellency:

I take pleasure in sending you hereto attached copies of two telegrams sent to His Excellency, Prime Minister Clement Attlee and His Excellency, the High Commissioner of Palestine.

Our community, consisting of members of all nationalities of Jewish faith, is deeply interested in a fair and speedy solution to re-establish those unfortunate people of Europe in a country they may call their own.

This community does not sympathize with terroristic acts as committed by hotheaded individuals, but prays for leniency and understanding in view of their desperate plight, not being permitted to help their brethren to flee from a Europe still infected with anti-Semitism.

It is our firm belief that only a friendly, truly democratic Jewish state in Palestine would be a sincere ally and guardian of British interests in the Near East.

Respectfully yours,

Ernest E. Simke  
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JEWISH COMMUNITY PHILIPPINES IN PRESENCE OF HIGH REPRESENTATIVES PHILIPPINE REPUBLIC AND ALLIED NATIONS UNVEILED SUNDAY MONUMENT DEDICATED JEWISH WAR VICTIMS STOP FOLLOWING DEDICATION JEWISH POPULATION PHILIPPINES UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED RESOLUTION QUOTE WHEREAS JEWISH BRETHERN FOUGHT AS ALLIES OF GREAT BRITISH EMPIRE FOR DISPOSAL COMMON ENEMY OF MANKIND DISPROPORTIONATELY SUFFERING LARGEST CASUALTIES FOR CAUSE OF FREEDOM DEMOCRACY STOP WHEREAS DOV GRUNER FOUGHT WITH HIS MAJESTIES FORCES AGAINST ENEMY HOPING TO DESTROY BRITISH EMPIRE STOP RESOLVED JEWISH COMMUNITY PHILIPPINES JOIN PEOPLE OF JEWISH FAITH ALL OVER THE WORLD PLEADING FOR COMMUTATION OF DEATH SENTENCE DOV GRUNER PRAYING FOR LENIENCY GRANTED INDIVIDUAL CONCERNED AND FOR JUSTICE TO A PEOPLE DESPERATELY TRYING GET ESTABLISHED ON BASIS HUMAN DIGNITY SELFRESPECT AND UNDISPUTABLE RIGHTS GRANTED BY PROMISE OF BRITISH GOVERNMENT

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MANILA

22nd February 1947

Dear Mr. Sinke,

I wish to thank you for your letter of the 19th February transmitting copies of the telegrams which you have sent on behalf of your Community to Mr. Attlee and to the High Commissioner for Palestine.

Yours sincerely,

L. H. FOULDS  
H. M. Minister.

Mr. Ernest E. Sinke  
Acting President  
Jewish Community of the Philippines, Inc.  
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Zionist Federation of Venezuela  
 Encloses translation of note letter handed to Embassy by Federation, President of which, Glijansky, is a German Akerapi Jew containing memo asking annulment of White Book and fulfilment of Balfour Declaration.

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British Embassy,  
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Dear Department,

We enclose translation of a rude letter handed to this Embassy by the Zionist Federation of Venezuela, the President of which, Glijansky, is a German Askenazi Jew. He was accompanied by one Benarroch, a name known in commercial circles, who claims to represent Venezuelan Jews, and Taurel who is a Saphardim Spanish Jew, a well known import agent.

Yours ever,

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South American Department,  
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TRANSLATION

ZIONIST FEDERATION OF VENEZUELA

Caracas, 17th February, 1947.

To His Excellency  
The Ambassador of Great Britain  
in the United States of  
Venezuela. Caracas.

Your Excellency,

The Zionist Federation of Venezuela, justly perturbed by the continual anxiety which the Jewish people of Palestine live in, by the continual attacks inflicted on them by the British authorities, by the ever-increasing gloom covering the future of Judaism in Europe, by the stubbornness of the Government in London in upholding the infamous measures proclaimed in the White Book, ventures to address to Your Excellency the following MEMORANDUM with the request that it be forwarded to His Majesty's Government:

1. The Jewish community of Venezuela unanimously supports the attitude of the Jewish Agency towards the problems confronting Zionism; and in particular considers that the rejection of the ULTIMATUM given by the British authorities in Palestine to the aforesaid Jewish Agency is justified.

2. Although the enormous majority of Jews throughout the world rejects as barbarous the practice of terrorism, even when by such terrorism it is hoped to obtain the highest ideals, considers that the terrorism imposed by the British authorities in Palestine will not bring about either a solution of the actual conflict or the cessation of Jewish terrorism.

3. It considers that the only means of settling the Palestine problem and that of Jews who have no means of living in Europe is an annulment of the White Book and the fulfilment in entirety of the promises contained in the Balfour Declaration.

With the expression of your highest consideration and appreciation we remain,

Your Excellency's obedient servants,

ZIONIST FEDERATION OF VENEZUELA

Glijansky

PRESIDENT

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Palestine, Jewish Agency Views.  
Stoltz representative of Jewish Agency in Roumania called to read statement he had been entrusted to make by Jewish Agency Palestine. In statement Agency denounces terrorism as criminal. It jeopardises Jewish national cause and Agency expresses its horror at the loss of life which results from such action.

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FROM BUCHAREST TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Mr. Sarell.  
No. 264

D. 9.18 a.m. GMT 18th March, 1947

18th March, 1947.

R. 12.30 p.m. BST 18th March, 1947

Repeated to Jerusalem  
British Middle East Office Cairo

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Representative of Jewish Agency in Roumania called on the Head of Consular Section of the Legation to read out a statement he had been instructed to make by the Jewish Agency Palestine.

In this statement the Jewish Agency denounces terrorism as criminal. It jeopardises the Jewish national cause and the Jewish Agency expresses its horror at the loss of life which results from such action. Statement concluded with expression of the sincere condolences of the Jewish Agency and people with relatives of victims of these terrorist crimes.

Head of consular section thanked the Jewish Agency representative for his statement and promised that I would inform you that it had been made.

Foreign Office please repeat to Jerusalem and Middle East Office Cairo as my telegrams Nos. 9 and 2 respectively.

[Repeated to British Middle East Office Cairo and copies sent to Colonial Officer for repetition to Jerusalem].

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AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM

THIRD ANNUAL CONFERENCE

FEBRUARY 12-13, 1947

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

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Let me add to the welcome of your toastmaster my own welcome to you on this, the third annual conference of the American Council for Judaism. This is by far the largest conference we have had thus far. It is, I believe, a token of our growth and of the steady expansion of our influence.

I am glad to see you here and, in particular, those who have travelled long distances to come to counsel together and to take heart for the future. I cannot hope to enumerate individually all those to whom the Council is under obligation for work earnestly done. But since this is a report not of one man but in behalf of the organization, it would be unjust if I failed to pay general tribute to my many associates. In particular, I feel I ought to say a word about the two men with whom I associated myself in my report a year ago as the "Three Musketeers", and who continue to sustain my hands.

It would be difficult to differentiate between the important roles that Elmer Berger and Sidney Wallach have played during the past year. Each has performed yeoman's service in his particular field, and, when necessity required it, each has undertaken to assume the duties of the other. They have collaborated with each other, and with me, at all times. Each has had but one object in view, and that object was the best interests of the Council. To say that they have labored long and diligently in behalf of all of us would be a masterpiece of understatement. I have been relentless in my demands upon them, and they have responded with enthusiasm and alacrity.

It is true that in instances we have not always agreed, but it is likewise true that each was willing to subordinate his own opinion after a decision had been reached. It is accurate to say that without the unswerving loyalty and devotion of these two men, the Council could not have performed its activities in a manner satisfactory either to you or to me.

I hope that all members of the Council will appreciate the efforts which they have expended in our behalf, and will credit them with their fair share of whatever successes the Council may have had - as they so richly deserve.

I deem it only fitting that the conference should recognize the inestimable value of their efforts and acknowledge the indebtedness that we all owe to them.

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I should like to say just a few words about the general situation as I see it.

There has as yet been no decision on the Palestine question. Indeed, the outlook is very clouded as to whether an early decision will be made and, if made, whether it will be temporary or permanent; whether or not it will end the tensions and conflicts in the Holy Land. It is one of the greatest ironies of the world that this little land, which is symbolic of peace, where our religion was cradled, where other religions were inspired, should today be an arena of violent passion, bitterness, destruction and death.

The position of the American Council for Judaism has always included our unalterable opposition to the White Paper on the ground that it discriminated against Jews as Jews. Our policy has been and continues to be one which seeks no privileges for Jews and which challenges every discrimination. The White Paper is still in existence - on paper - but, in fact, the British Government has moderated it. Immigration of Jews into Palestine continues although the time has long

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 passed when the White Paper specified it should cease. The present legal rate of immigration of Jews into Palestine is at the rate of 1,500 a month. This is a pathetically small number when the two hundred thousand and more Jews in the Displaced Persons camps are considered but a significant number when contrasted with the inadequate immigration opportunities of other countries.

There is little enough to take comfort from the situation in Palestine. Yet we must take note of the fact that for practical purposes Jews can continue to go into Palestine legally and regularly despite the White Paper, and they are utilizing this opportunity - not to mention illegal immigration.

But this is only part of the story. Along with it, there are the tragic and inescapable facts of insecurity, of war, and of unbridled contention in Palestine. War is being waged on two fronts, against the British Government as the mandatory power; and against the Arabs who are, and for a long time will remain, a majority of the inhabitants of Palestine. What a woeful solution for those war-torn souls who are seeking a haven where they can start life anew under favorable auspices!

This situation is a reflection of the difficulties created by the spirit of militancy that has come to the fore in the Zionist movement. Today, the fiery methods of a group which was known as "extremist" years ago, (the Revisionists), have become the official policy of the World Zionist Movement.

I will not dilate at length on the developments of the World Zionist Congress. All who have read the press know that it was a troubled and troublesome meeting. The unseating of Dr. Weizman was significant. The subsequent resignation of Dr. Stephen Wise from the Zionist Organization of America is still another instance of the internal conflicts within the Zionist Organization. But whatever those differences, we must not lose sight of the fact that the Zionist drive remains constant and consistent: that of nationalizing Jewish life, of making Jews into a nation, whether in a part of Palestine, in all of Palestine, or in a larger area than Palestine.

Two years ago, at this conference, one of the speakers called attention to the fact that regardless of Zionist resolutions against partition, they would accept a partitioned Palestine state if that appeared to be their one chance to rescue their policies. I believe that still to be true, although I can conceive of nothing more lamentable than to have a petty Jewish State, incapable of being of substantial help to those Jews who need new homes; capable only of unsettling and troubling the status of the very large majority of Jews who will continue to live as citizens of other countries throughout the world.

We must also note the fact -- the shameful fact -- that two years after the end of the war in Europe, there are approximately 850,000 people still in the Displaced Persons Camps, of whom about one-quarter are Jews. This great world of ours has as yet, it seems, found it impossible to find homes for this tiny fraction of one percent of its population.

There has, of course, been a steady although slow stream of immigration and resettlement. A recent report of the Joint Distribution Committee refers to 45,000 who found new homes within one year. The problem, therefore, is by no means hopeless. What is more, the Jews of Europe are discovering that the Zionist (as well as the Nazi) mirage of "Judenrein" Europe is just that - a mirage. Reports are beginning to come in sustaining the views always held by the Council that there must be a considerable measure of readjustment and rehabilitation of Jews in many of the countries in which they have lived for centuries.

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New opportunities must be found to hasten the process of resettlement for those who still need it. Our objective remains what it always has been -- to open the doors of the world, not just of any one country. 52

We are pledged to continue that effort.

We must take into account the fact that the Jewish nationalist drive, of which a Jewish State is the culmination, is continuing, regardless of the realities of Palestine, including the disposition of Jewish Displaced Persons. Jewish nationalism is a state of mind. That state of mind is being cultivated regardless of the factual, political, and humanitarian realities. It is being pressed to the point where other opportunities are being given only secondary consideration, if at all.

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I want to turn for a while to speak on the political background of the events in Palestine.

You will recall that last year I reported to you on the testimony that the Council gave before the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine. In order to give you a full picture, I also told of the abuse that the Zionist-dominated Jewish press poured out on our testimony. It was, in their judgment, putting it mildly, completely "inconsequential" and "ineffective".

On May 1st the report was made public.

As members of the Council you are familiar with its 10 recommendations.

They have been analyzed in our publications. They advocated, as you will recall, action to enable 100,000 Jews to come into Palestine; to provide immigration opportunities into other countries; to assure human rights for all. They advocated further that Palestine be neither an Arab nor a Jewish State. Finally, they recommended procedures which held out the hope that there would be a peaceful development in Palestine and not the continued maintenance of an armed camp.

I believe it completely accurate to say that the report of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry coincided more closely with the views expressed by the American Council for Judaism than with those of any other organization in the country.

In response to a request for comments on the report, officially addressed to us, we heartily endorsed it as a whole. We continue to endorse it. We regret only that its wise provisions were not immediately adopted by both our Government and the British Government and implemented as rapidly as was possible.

We regret even more that Jewish organizations, other than the Council, failed to come forward in their advocacy of the complete report. Their failure to do so is responsible in no small measure for the failure of both Governments to act promptly on these recommendations.

Apart from its practical and thoroughly sound recommendations, there was an underlying philosophy in the report of the Anglo-American Committee. That this philosophy and that of the American Council for Judaism are so similar evokes a justifiable satisfaction. Both affirm that Jews are citizens of many nations, identified by a great religious heritage, and are in no ways bound together with national claims from any one sovereignty in the world. The report was a resounding vindication of our ideas and policies.

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The failure of Jewish organizations to support the Anglo-American Committee report (or, what was even worse, to endorse any recommendations except those which were favorable to them), was followed by a postponement of action on its recommendations. Later in the year, a sub-cabinet committee was appointed, which submitted a report known as the Morrison Grady Report. Its purpose was to implement the recommendations of the Committee and, in particular, that recommendation which declared that Palestine should be neither an Arab nor a Jewish State. But the same circumstances which followed general failure to support the original report also condemned the Morrison Grady recommendations, even though they were never made public officially. They are now suspended in the limbo of unavailing attempts.

The last major step in the political activities in regard to a political solution of the problem of Palestine was the convening of the London Conference. It met in the year 1946. It is meeting again in the year 1947.

Today, it must be said, it is a failure. The London Conference, a desperate effort to achieve a measure of stability and order, and of decision on the Palestine problem, is foundering on the rocks of artificially fostered chauvinisms.

I cannot, as yet, give a full appraisal on the British Government's proposal which was made public yesterday, along with the announcements of its rejection by both the Zionists and the Arab representatives. From a first reading, it appears that it hews close to the line of the basic recommendations of the Anglo-American Committee. That is, it provides for the admission of at least 100,000 Jewish D.P.'s to Palestine, for safe-guarding the rights of all groups, the gradual acquisition of the institutions of home rule, and, after 5 years, complete independence, with Jews and Arabs enjoying equal rights, and with provisions for referral to the United Nations in the event of disagreement.

I believe it is to the eternal shame of the politically organized representatives of the Arabs of Palestine that they thus reject these procedures for home rule, for the economic development of that country, and for ultimate independence, solely because of the requirement that a haven be offered to 100,000 deeply distressed human beings. I cannot forget that, for all of the conflict and all of the wretched contention in Palestine, Jews who have come to Palestine have made an amazing contribution to the upbuilding of that country.

And I say further that it is to the eternal shame of the Zionists that they should reject proposals that include provisions for the admission of 100,000 and more displaced Jews who have been so sorely tried and who need, above all, home and security. It is to their eternal shame that this humanitarian provision should be dismissed because there is not a Zionist political victory, in a political contest for political domination.

The apologists for the terrorism in Palestine have often stated that "the denial of permission to the survivors of European Jewry to enter Palestine had so affected a small group as to bring about a complete aberration of mind." This permission is here given. But the Zionist officials sacrifice this opportunity for 100,000 Jewish survivors. This is the philosophy that has led to the "aberration of mind" of poor deluded people who turned to terrorism and gangster morality. This is the final triumph of Zionism over humanitarianism.

In all likelihood, the Palestine problem will before long be brought before the United Nations. That is as it should be. Palestine is, as the Anglo-American Committee pointed out, a unique country. It is only fitting that it be the concern of the nations of the world.

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I am confident that before that world tribunal the appeal of humanity will overcome the harsh voices of political domination.

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I am confident that from the Council of Nations a proper rebuke will be given to those who presume to threaten war if their racial or nationalist ambitions are not achieved.

I am confident that the organized community of nations will, when all the facts are before them, sustain the program and philosophy of the American Council for Judaism.

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Our policy throughout has been clear, consistent and unmistakable. We supported in full and as a whole the report of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry. We informed the State Department and the public that we would support the Morrison Grady recommendations to the degree that they implemented and were consistent with the spirit of the recommendations of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry.

And when the London Conference was scheduled to be held, we took steps to inform our Government and the British Government of two essential considerations. We asked that notice be taken of the opposition of a body of Americans of Jewish faith to the creation of a Jewish State. And we set out to achieve a clarification of the fact that the Jewish Agency was, in fact, spokesman only for Zionist-minded Jews and could not speak for all other Jews living throughout the world.

Prior to the London Conference, President Truman issued a statement on the subject of Palestine, a statement which was taken in some quarters as an endorsement of the proposal for a Jewish State. That is simply not so. A careful reading of that statement reveals that the President merely indicated an area of possible adjustment of differences. In correspondence that I have since had with the Secretary of State Byrnes, the misinterpretation given to the official American position was pointed out. His communication made it clear that our Government was not giving its support to any one proposal, whether for partition for anything else.

So much for the official American statement of the official American position.

It would, however, be a mistake to overlook the significance of President Truman's declaration. This occurred in the pre-election period. More than one public spokesman maintained that it was secured under Zionist pressure and was intended to serve vote getting purposes. I do not undertake to comment upon that. But it is important for us to be conscious of the fact that Zionists created a Jewish issue in the elections. A vast, powerfully organized, unholy effort was made to introduce consideration for a so-called Jewish bloc vote, and a threat to use that bloc vote for punitive means.

In more than one statement I denounced that claim in behalf of the American Council for Judaism. I denounce it now. It is a fraud upon the public. And it is one of the most evil and gravest injustices done to the Jews of the United States. Those responsible for that effort and for those claims have much for which to answer.

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Throughout this past year we have worked diligently, earnestly, intensively within the measure of the resources that were put at our disposal, and these were meagre. Since our fundamental purposes are those of an educational agency, we continue to bring our views and our ideas to Government officials and to general public opinion. Again and again, where occasion called for it, we have expressed ourselves to the White House, to the departments of the Executive Branch of the Government, and to legislative leaders in the halls of Congress. Again and again, wherever the opportunity offered, we have stated our position to leaders of public affairs, to the press, and over the radio. I recall particularly the radio talk that was given over the Columbia Broadcasting System on the subject of terrorism in Palestine. In it we declared clearly that bombing and kidnapping in the Holy Land were not the way of the Jewish religion. We condemned such activities. We condemn them now without any qualifications. We regard such efforts as contrary to the highest ideals of Judaism, and contrary to the enlightened conscience of civilized mankind.

During the course of the year we met with representatives of other Governments, particularly with the British Ambassador and with various members of the United Nations. In each case, we strove to tell our simple, straightforward story that we want for Jews equality of rights and obligations, that we want for the Displaced of all faiths greater opportunity for resettlement, that we want for Palestine peace and progressive and democratic development.

The problem of extending the opportunities for resettlement gave us much concern in the past year. Early last year we testified before the House Committee of Immigration against the Gossett Bill which would have cut our past immigration quotas in half. Fortunately that bill was killed in Committee by the narrowest of margins. The same bill and others carrying more drastic restrictions have already been introduced. It was in that connection that Sidney Wallach and I went down to the White House to meet with the President. We took occasion to reiterate to him our full support of the report of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry in its entirety. And we stressed, in particular, the necessity for a temporary liberalization of American immigration laws so that the United States would do its fair share towards the solution of that problem. We discussed the same topic of resettlement with leading representatives of other nations. In our interview with the President and in a subsequent press conference, we expressed the conviction that a significant American contribution to the problems of the Displaced Persons would be in our enlightened national self-interest and would aid in the quick solution of the Displaced Persons problem.

Consistent with our efforts to expand the opportunities for the resettlement of Displaced Persons of all faiths to this country and others, we have been active in association with the newly formed Citizens Committee on Displaced Persons, headed by that distinguished and humanitarian leader, Dr. Earl G. Harrison. The task of that committee is one of great difficulty. It is to educate the public as to the true situation, which has been willfully distorted, and to inspire public opinion to act so that the United States will accept its fair share of responsibility in a world problem.

Dr. Harrison is scheduled to be one of our speakers at this Conference, at today's luncheon, and I hope that he will tell you in greater detail about his committee. Here I only wish to call its existence to your attention and to urge you to give that committee your maximum support in your own communities. This task calls for intensive work by our members as individuals and as participants with others in this great undertaking. If ever there was a humanitarian cause, this it is.

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You will also hear another report by Mr. Irving Feist, who heads a committee of the Council which has been exploring the possibilities for the resettlement of Displaced Persons in other parts of the world. He will make it clear that progress, while slow, is being made. We must carry that progress further until everyone who is now actually homeless shall have found a home of his own - whatever his race or faith or origin. 56

In no other way can we give a more practical expression to the ideals which inspired those who established the American Council for Judaism, and those who have joined its ranks.

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A large part of our efforts has gone, perforce, to dealing with the American scene, and with the task of coping with the situation created by Jewish nationalism right here in the United States. Unfortunately, it is not generally realized that Zionism does not concern itself only with the Jews of Palestine and those who desire to go there. It affects Jews everywhere. Its impact is upon Jews everywhere.

We would be derelict in our duty to our fellow Americans of the Jewish faith if we did not devote ourselves to dealing with disturbing consequences of the Zionist nationalist philosophy in our daily lives.

I have already referred to the issue of a Jewish vote in this country. We first called attention to this manifestation during the summer of 1944, just prior to the Presidential election. Here was one of the most vicious manifestations of Jewish nationalism in our own midst. Unhappily we were the only ones to cry out against this attempt to divide Americans along bloc lines. Silence and neutrality on this issue had their natural result: the effort mounted, in intensity, to the abortive attempts in 1946. As recently as February 3rd, a Washington date-lined story appeared in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch in which the following was said:

"American Zionists are demanding that the Republican leadership in Congress take effective action to uphold Jewish claims in the Holy Land.

"If the Republicans fail to do this, the Zionists will throw their votes to the Democrats in 1948, a spokesman said here today. This Jewish vote will decide the outcome of the elections in certain key states, Zionists say, and might even decide which party controls the Senate."

Again and again we repudiated that idea and opposed that claim. Here and there another individual voice was raised in equal condemnation. I am led to ask, however, where were the Jewish organizations whose task it is to keep clear and unblemished the name of the Jew? Here was the claim that Jews were voting - not on broad, national American interests, but out of narrow, partisan, sectarian, and bloc interests. Here was a libel against American Jews, that Jewish votes were for sale. Where, outside the Council, was this rebuked?

Whatever the appeasing silence of others, we shall continue to expose, and oppose, this effort - and libel - by every means at our command.

Nor is this the only manifestation of Zionism right here in the United States. There was, and there is the continuing effort to organize American Jewish youth to settle permanently in Palestine, to identify their future with that country. This is done in the name of Patriotism - Patriotism to Palestine! We saw that threat coming years ago, like a cloud no bigger than a man's hand, and we warned against it. Again there was general silence, indifference, or that form of neutrality on moral issues that in some quarters passes as "statesmanship".

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our accomplishments would electrify our members. Already the intellectual influence of the American Council for Judaism is far beyond the means that the Council has at its disposal. 58

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This, within the limitations that are imposed upon me by time, is a bird's eye view of the events of the year, and of our part in those events.

What lies ahead? There is so much uncertainty about the Palestine situation that it would be folly to speak with assurance of the future developments. But it is clear that the rosy pictures that have been painted of Palestine as a solution to the problem of the Jews <sup>are</sup> a product of imaginative fantasy.

We will continue to insist upon a solution based on the democratic idea that assures to Jews as to all men, freedom and equality everywhere - no more and no less.

We will continue to press for the adoption of a universal Bill of Rights, and for procedures that will make international authority responsible for the safeguarding of the human rights of all.

We will continue to press for the temporary opening of the immigration doors of the United States, to bring to a rapid solution the problem of the Displaced Persons. At the same time, we will further our efforts to have similar action taken by other countries of the world.

We will continue to make clear the fundamental distinction between Judaism and Zionism: the one a matter of conscience and faith by which we are all linked; the other a nationalist loyalty which can never be equated with Jews as a whole.

We will continue our efforts to educate the public - Jewish and non-Jewish - to the significance of our philosophy and to its appropriateness to the broader American democratic picture.

We will continue to press for the maximum integration of Jews in all aspects of our national American life.

We will continue to educate for life as Americans of Jewish faith and all that that means.

Give us the tools. The Council will perform the task.

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to  
M. Adde

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Palentine Question.

Transmit copy of letter from M Adde to R. Smith. P.O. enclosing copy of letter from Victor Gallani, to the Prime Minister of Nov 10 in which V. Gallani put forward his views on the Palentine Situation.

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H.D.C. McAlpine, Esq.,  
Foreign Office.

*Eastern Dept.*

*C.A.C.A.*  
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*25* with

Mr. J.F. Addis's

Compliments.

*We spoke on this. I agree  
with C.O. that no further  
reply is necessary.*

*H. Bealey*

10, Downing Street,  
Whitehall, S.W.1.

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16th March, 1947.

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10, Downing Street,  
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16th March, 1947.

Dear Smith,

... I enclose a copy of a letter from  
Mr. Victor Gollancz to the Prime Minister  
about Palestine. The Prime Minister wishes  
to have the advice of the Colonial Office and  
the Foreign Office on the reply which he should  
return to this letter. An interim acknowledgment  
has been sent.

I am sending a copy of this letter and  
enclosure to McAlpine (Foreign Office).

Yours sincerely,

(sgd) J.H. ADDIS.

D.M. Smith, Esq.,  
Colonial Office.

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VICTOR GOLLANCZ, LTD.

14, Henrietta Street,

Covent Garden, W.C.2.

March 10th, 1947.

The Rt. Hon. C.R. Attlee, M.P.,  
Prime Minister,  
10, Downing Street,  
Westminster.

Dear Prime Minister,

Will you bear with me if I write to you, as  
briefly as I can, on the question of Palestine?

I think I can see the situation more objectively  
than most. No one but a Jew can really understand  
the Jewish side of the matter from the inside: on  
the other hand, I am neither one of those English  
Jews who think it incumbent upon them to prove  
themselves more Gentile than the Gentiles, nor (though  
a Partitionist for many years) am I connected with any  
Zionist group. Finally, my habit of mind has always  
been such that I cannot be blind to the Arab case.  
I feel, therefore, that I want to say what is in my  
mind; but I do so, please believe, with humility.

I do not wish to touch on the longer term  
prospects - or even the comparatively short term one  
involved in the submission to U.N.O. I want to speak  
only of the many months that must elapse before the  
submission: for I am persuaded that unless certain  
measures are taken, there will, in the meantime, be a  
disaster the outcome of which cannot be measured.

(1) With the situation as it is, the Jewish  
Agency, and the general Jewish population in Palestine,  
will not co-operate against the terrorists to the  
extent that the Government demands. I am not

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expressing an opinion as to whether they should or should not co-operate: I am stating a fact of which I am absolutely certain. The overwhelming majority of Jews, both in Palestine and this country, detest these terrorist activities: very high officials of the Jewish Agency have talked to me of them with a horror the sincerity of which it was quite impossible to doubt. But to deduce from this horror that any considerable number of Jews would be prepared to engage in what would amount to warfare against fellow Jews, would be to make a false deduction. Few Jews forget that most of these terrorists are the survivors of relatives who, to the number of six million, were gassed and incinerated in Europe, and they will not, by any deliberate action of their own, hand over these survivors to the gallows. I am not expressing any opinion as to whether this feeling is right or wrong: but that it exists, this feeling of solidarity, and that to run counter to it would seem a treachery, I have not the smallest doubt.

(2) The other unquestionable fact is that the Jewish Agency and Haganah, largely with American money, will continue to organise illegal immigration to the very limit of their resources. Once again, I want to make it clear that I am stating a plain fact, and not expressing any opinion as to the morality or otherwise of the attitude. Things might have been far otherwise if, apart altogether from Zionism and Palestine, the doors of other countries had been thrown open to that pitiful remnant that is morally rotting, nearly two years after the end of the war, in the European camps, and that I have myself seen rotting in Belsen. But with the situation as it is, it is beyond the bounds of possibility that every possible effort will not be made to get these people into Palestine.

(3) If I am right, what is the situation with which, in these coming months, the Government is faced?

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It is faced with a war against guerilla terrorists in a country where it can expect no real support from the general Jewish population: and, at the same time, it is faced with something like a war against the determination of that general population to introduce illegal immigrants. If such a situation continues, it seems to me all but certain that the Middle East will be really ablaze.

(4) There is, in my view, only one way in which ultimate disaster can be averted. If the rate of immigration could be stepped up immediately from 1,500 a month to some reasonably higher figure, then two results would follow. Illegal immigration would be at an end, and the source of conflict between the Government and the general Jewish population would vanish. Further, the emotional attitude of the general Jewish population to the terrorists would undergo a radical change: for terrorist activities would be seen as impeding the orderly settlement of the immigrants, and the indignation of the general Jewish population would be turned against them. Within a month of the announcement of increased immigration, terrorism would cease.

(5) The amount of immigration would have to be sufficiently high to give the sense that something really serious was being done about this remnant in Europe: but it should not be higher than necessary. I would put the figure myself at something about double the present rate - or, say, between three and four thousand a month.

(6) There is one other point. There will be an appalling exacerbation of feeling, not only among the terrorists, but among the general population, if Gruner and the other three or four are not reprieved. Let the sentence be anything - imprisonment for life if you will - anything that is not irrevocable. After all, so far as I am aware, these men are not accused of actually taking life, and it is becoming, is it not, part of the civilised conscience to take into account

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the state of mind in which people have acted? It is against the background of Belsen and Auschwitz, of horrors so appalling that even now the full truth cannot be published, that these people have acted. I think you know that I am the last person to think that two blacks make a white. For my part, I think I shall never again support any act of violence, even by way of defence, and however righteous the cause: but we have long since ceased to execute the crazy, and these men have truly been crazed by the suffering of their fellows.

The reply to all this, I know, will be that we must act on principle and abjure expediency; but is that in fact our rule? Don't we strike a balance, and consider what is likely to produce, I cannot in these days say, the greatest total human happiness, but the smallest total of human misery? We acquiesced in that abominable crime of turning out millions of Germans from their homes in the East; and when, at Christmas, many of them were frozen to death, and one woman in childbirth was frozen to the floor of the train in her own blood, we did not declare war on Poland.

Please do not take the time to reply, however briefly, to this letter. I dare not do more than hope that, with all your preoccupations at the present time, you will be able to read and consider it.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) VICTOR GOLLANCZ.

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FROM

British Legation

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San Salvador

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8 Mar 1947

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*Palentine. Aborted Law.*

*Transmits copy of telegram from Zionist Organisation of El Salvador. Asking that the naval blockade be lifted and so allow Jewish Immigrants into Palestine, thus easing tension in Zionist activities caused by despair.*

Last Paper.

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HIS Majesty's Minister at San Salvador presents his compliments to H.M. Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and has the honour to transmit to him the under-mentioned documents.

British Legation,  
San Salvador

8th March, 1947.

Reference to previous correspondence:

Description of Enclosure.

Name and Date.	Subject.
Copy of a telegram (translation from Spanish) addressed to H.M. Minister at San Salvador from the Zionist Organisation of El Salvador, dated 5th March, 1947.	Palestine  E 2509 26 Min

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TELEGRAM (translation from Spanish) 68  
British Minister, San Salvador.

With the greatest anxiety for the consequences which the imposition of Martial Law in Palestine may bring we beg Your Excellency to transmit to your Government the following:- We are quite convinced ~~that~~ only by lifting the naval blockade which impedes our European survivors from reaching their internationally-recognised home can tension be relaxed and terrorist activities caused by despair be stopped.

Respectfully,

Zionist Organisation of El Salvador

March 5th, 1947.

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FROM

P.O. Broadmoor

No.

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12 Mar 1947

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Political Situation.

Transmit translation of letter from Zionist Federation of Columbia, together with copy of acknowledgment. In which Federation transmit to 14 M.G. their strongest protest for recent events in Palestine.

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BRITISH EMBASSY,  
BOGOTA.

12th March, 1947.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith the translation of a letter received from the Zionist Federation of Colombia regarding the situation in Palestine, together with a copy of my acknowledgement.

2. I hardly think it necessary that any further reply should be sent, but should you consider it desirable, I should be grateful to know in what terms such communication should be couched.

I have the honour to be,  
With the highest respect,  
Sir,  
Your most obedient, humble Servant

*P. L. Thoadmead*

The Right Honourable Ernest Bevin, M.P.,  
Etc., Etc., Etc.,  
Foreign Office,  
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Enclosure to Mr. Broadmead's despatch No.63 (88/3/47)  
dated 12th March, 1947, to Foreign Office.

TRANSLATION

ZIONIST FEDERATION OF COLOMBIA

Bogotá,

Secretariat.

7th March, 1947.

His Excellency  
Mr. Philip M. Broadmead,  
British Ambassador,  
Bogotá, Colombia.

Your Excellency,

The Zionist Federation of Colombia, together with the Hebrew community in the country, request Your Excellency to be so good as to transmit to His Majesty's Government our strongest protest for the recent events in Eretz Israel.

The Jews of (sic) Colombia are pained at the decision of the Palestine Government to punish all the Yishew of Eretz Israel for the conduct of a minority beyond their control. This attitude deserves the disapproval of our community because the Colonial Secretary himself has just admitted in the House of Commons that the Yishew had begun to take "more active steps" to contain the "terrorists".

We Jews of (sic) Colombia consider that it is not right to punish all the Yishew for acts of desperation of a minority. These acts are systematically fomented by His Majesty's Government themselves, to be precise, by the violence of the policy of their Secretary for Foreign Affairs.

The efforts of the highest Jewish institutions in Eretz Israel have failed because the Government and the authorities representing it have been blatantly illegal in so far as concerns their obligations under the Balfour Declaration as well as under the San Remo Mandate.

As long as the arbitrary discrimination of the White Paper subsists, the restrictions of land sales and of immigration into Palestine for those Jews that want to, there will be no way within the capacity of our institutions of convincing the "terrorists" to modify their attitude.

We request His Majesty's Government to return to the exact fulfilment of the Mandate permitting free immigration and the acquisition of land, until they hand over the Palestine question - according to the Foreign Secretary - to the United Nations. We ask His Majesty's Government to observe a more just, more humane and more sensible policy towards the Yishew in order to avoid violence which, in a vicious circle, is making the country impossible to live in for English and Jews alike.

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We denounce absolutely the martial law imposed in Palestine as a punishment on the whole community, carried out previously and imposed on the first, the most trivial pretext. Similarly we point out that this martial law pursues the ruin of Palestinian economy. Furthermore, the only thing of which the British Army, so full of glorious memories in the fight against barbarity and Nazism, can show proof up to now, is not the conquest of the "terrorists", but the assassination of an innocent creature of four years old which was looking out of a window seeking air in that hot climate, and of other people entirely foreign to the official objective of the military activities.

From the foregoing and for the prestige and good name of His Majesty's Government and above all that of the British people, we beg to demand the revocation of martial law, which little benefits Great Britain. His Majesty's Government must return to the spirit of the Mandate until it delivers to the United Nations what it terms an "insoluble problem".

Yours truly,

Sgd. Dr. Aaron Benchebrit,  
PRESIDENT.

Sgd. Dr. Salvador Rozental,  
SECRETARY-GENERAL.

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BRITISH EMBASSY,  
BOGOTA.

88/3<sup>a</sup>/47.

12th March, 1947.

Sir,

I am directed by His Majesty's  
Ambassador to acknowledge the receipt of  
your letter of the 7th March regarding  
the situation in Palestine and to inform  
you that a copy thereof has been sent to  
the Foreign Office.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Sgd. G.H.S. Jackson

First Secretary

Federación Sionista de Colombia,  
Apartado Nacional 1617,  
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American Anti Committee for Palestine  
States the Pro-Zionist body has entered the  
advertising field, e.g. 'The American Anti Committee  
for Palestine'. Signatories include well known  
figures from literary, musical and theatrical  
circles. It also concerns at present in  
connection with Jewish immigration, and appeal  
of the Land Transfer Association.

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BRITISH EMBASSY.

WASHINGTON 8, D. C.

26th March 1947

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Dear Department,

A new pro-Zionist body has entered the advertising field. It calls itself "The American Arts Committee for Palestine". Its signatories, as you will see from the enclosed copy of an advertisement which appeared in the Washington Post of the 21st March, include well known figures from the literary, musical, theatre and cinema worlds. It seems for the present to be concerned with an increase in Jewish immigration and the repeal of the land transfer regulations.

We are sending a copy of this letter and enclosure to Jerusalem.

Yours ever,

CHANCERY

Eastern Department,  
Foreign Office,  
London, S.W.1.

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# KEEP AT IT, MR. PRESIDENT!

**W**E ARE confident that we speak for an overwhelming majority of the American people when we say: more power to you, Mr. President, in your efforts to bring about the immediate immigration to Palestine of the homeless Jews of Europe. Such action is long overdue. The failure to permit those pitiful men, women and children to emigrate to their internationally-guaranteed National Home is a blot on the conscience of the civilized world.

Nearly two years have elapsed since V-E Day marked the triumph of the armies of democracy and the liberation of Europe. The Jewish survivors had clung to life within the concentration camps and ruins—where six million of their number had been murdered—in the belief that with the victory of the democratic nations, the healing qualities of democracy itself would replace the horror and degradation of fascism.

But they still wait for liberation in the DP Camps. Their hope has turned to bitter disillusionment. They have been “investigated” and “studied.” Voluminous reports on their condition gather dust in the archives of the victorious powers. A seemingly endless series of “conferences” and “negotiations” has been sponsored by the British Government—all of them having one objective: to delay the action so desperately

needed by the Jewish people and to evade Great Britain's obligations under the Palestine Mandate to encourage and facilitate Jewish immigration and development.

To cap his record of broken pledges and brutal repression in Palestine, the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Bevin, has sought to shift responsibility for his ignominious failures to you, Mr. President. His insulting references to your humanitarian requests for the immediate immigration of 100,000 Jews into Palestine merited the contempt with which they were received by the American people. We applaud your firm and dignified reply to the British Foreign Secretary. In pointing out that you had merely reaffirmed America's traditional policy, you once again served notice on those who would betray the Jewish people that the United States means to honor its commitments.

We believe, Mr. President, that you will meet the challenge of this desperate situation. Pending a final settlement of the question by the United Nations—which may consume many months or years—*there must be no further delay on Jewish immigration and land purchase in Palestine.*

We urge you, Mr. President, to stand firm on this pressing matter. We assure you that we will support a vigorous program of action to achieve its realization.

Isidor Achron  
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Will Barnet  
Mari Barova  
Richmond Barthe  
Marion Bauer  
William Rose Benet

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Rudolph Ganz  
John Garfield  
John Gart  
Ruth Gordon  
Morton Gould

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United Zionist Association, Costa Rica  
States after receiving many telegrams from  
President of Association protesting against  
Immigration Policy of 11.11.47 in Palestine,  
arranged meeting with members of same  
who presented memorandum (copies enclosed)  
for further comment.

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by H.O.  
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Nov 15/47

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BRITISH LEGATION

San José, Costa Rica. 78

March 24th., 1947.

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Sir,

I have the honour to report that I have from time to time received telegrams from the President of the United Zionist Association in Costa Rica protesting against the immigration policy of the British Government in Palestine and I recently suggested to this gentleman that he should come and see me. My invitation was accepted by him and by four members of the Association who presented me with a memorandum, of which I enclose copies, for transmission to His Majesty's Government.

2. The Jews here, principally of Polish origin have for sometime past been conducting a press campaign in support of increased Jewish immigration into Palestine, and have occasionally paid as much as £30 or £40 for a single insertion in the local newspapers. It is clear, therefore, that they are well provided with funds. At one time their propaganda was of a very one-sided nature and consisted of indiscriminate attacks on British policy. Latterly, however, it has shown signs of meeting the British arguments on more carefully prepared lines.

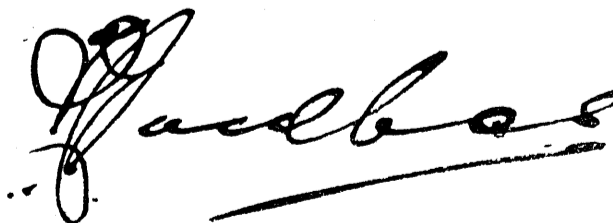
3. They have, of course, been particularly bitter in their attitude towards the present Government in the United Kingdom owing to their abandonment of the Labour Party's declared policy of repealing the White Paper of 1939, and this attitude was considerably strengthened by the findings of the Anglo-American Committee.

4. In the course of the conversation these Jews, though harping persistently on the economic advantages that accrued to the Arab working class as a result of Jewish immigration, seemed incapable of comprehending the political aspect of the question from the Arab point of view. My impression was, however, that the Jews would be content with a good deal less than their maximum demands if only the early entrée into Palestine of some 100,000 Jews were assured.

5. Owing to the fact that the Jewish colony here is not particularly popular, it has not been difficult for my Information Officer to obtain the free publication of material that gave a reasoned presentation of the British attitude towards this intractable problem.

I have the honour to be,  
with the highest respect,  
Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant



H.M. Principal Secretary of State  
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ASOCIACION SIONISTA UNIDA  
Apartado 1496  
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March 19, 1947.

His Excellency  
Mr. F.G.Coultas  
Minister of Great Britain  
San José, Costa Rica.

Excellency:

The motive of this memorandum presented to you by representatives of Costa Rican Jewry, is to bring to the attention of the British Government the fact, that the entrenching of the Jewish people in its own country is more compelling at the end of the second World War than it was at the end of the first war.

FOR LACK OF A HOME, THE JEWISH PEOPLE PAID A TERRIBLE PENALTY.

The Jews in Western Europe, men, women and children, who went through the several hells of the Hitler inferno in recent years, especially those that survived Hitler's system of mass extermination - the survivors are estimated at 1,500,000 compared with possibly 6,000,000 murdered - exist on the continent about two years after World Peace is declared, ABSOLUTELY WITHOUT HOPE. They feel that they are doomed to an inescapable fate if they remain in that war-ravaged and hate-ridden continent, most of them have lost their families and their homes. All are aware of a virulent Anti-Semitism growing out of the legacy left by Hitler.

The only hope held by these unfortunates is to go to Palestine, which is administered by Great Britain under the mandate of the League of Nations.

Many of them, after release from German concentration camps, have barely enough strength for existence - IN PALESTINE THEY KNOW THAT THEY WILL BE RECEIVED BY UNDERSTANDING AND SYMPATHETIC FRIENDS. THEY WILL REGAIN THEIR COURAGE. THE ONLY PLACE THEY KNOW THAT THEY ARE WELCOME.

WE CENTRAL AMERICAN JEWRY, TOGETHER WITH OUR MILLIONS OF BRETHREN IN NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES - ALSO WITH THE MILLIONS OF OUR CHRISTIAN BRETHREN - "PRO PALESTINE COMMITTEES IN THE AMERICAN COUNTRIES" CALL UPON THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT THROUGH YOUR EXCELLENCY -- OPEN THE DOOR OF PALESTINE TO OUR POOR UNFORTUNATE EUROPEAN BRETHREN.

FULFILL THE SOLEMN TRUST YOU ACCEPTED IN THE SIGHT OF THE WORLD BY YOUR OCCUPATION OF PALESTINE THROUGH THE BALFOUR DECLARATION AND THE MANDATE BY THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

WE DEMAND THAT GREAT BRITAIN USE "ITS BEST ENDEAVOUR"  
TO ESTABLISH THE JEWISH NATIONAL HOME.

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We base our demand upon the following historical facts. Leading statesmen of Great Britain and the United States in the crucial years preceding and following the Peace Conference at Versailles discussed a "JEWISH COMMONWEALTH" in Palestine.

1) David Lloyd George, Prime Minister at the time of the Balfour Declaration who testified before the British Commission on Palestine stated as follows: "IT WAS CONTEMPLATED THAT WHEN THE TIME ARRIVED FOR ACCORDING REPRESENTATIVE INSTITUTIONS IN PALESTINE, IF THE JEWS HAVE MEANWHILE RESPONDED TO THE OPPORTUNITY AFFORDED THEM BY THE IDEA OF A NATIONAL HOME AND HAD BECOME A DEFINITE MAJORITY OF THE INHABITANTS, THEN PALESTINE WOULD THUS BECOME A JEWISH COMMONWEALTH"

2) General Smuts, Prime Minister of the Union of South Africa, on November 3, 1919 spoke of "AN INCREASING STREAM OF JEWISH IMMIGRATION" and of "A GREAT JEWISH STATE RISING THERE ONCE MORE"

3) Mr. Winston Churchill spoke in the same vein: He stated:

"IF, AS MAY HAPPEN THERE SHOULD BE CREATED IN OUR LIFE TIME ON THE BANKS OF THE JORDAN A JEWISH STATE UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE BRITISH CROWN WHICH MIGHT COMPRISE THREE OR FOUR MILLION JEWS, AN EVENT WILL HAVE OCCURRED IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD WHICH WOULD FROM EVERY POINT OF VIEW BE BENEFICIAL"

4) The British Royal Commission attested that "LORD ROBERT CECIL, IN 1919 and MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL IN 1920 - SIR HERBERT SAMUEL IN 1919 ALL SPOKE OR WROTE IN TERMS THAT COULD ONLY MEAN THAT THEY CONTEMPLATED THE EVENTUAL ESTABLISHMENT OF A JEWISH STATE"

5) The position of the United States in favour of the evolution of Palestine into a Jewish State was equally clear. In March 1919 President Woodrow Wilson stated:

"THE ALLIED NATIONS WITH THE FULLEST CONCURRENCE OF OUR GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE AGREED THAT IN PALESTINE SHALL BE THE FOUNDATIONS OF A JEWISH COMMONWEALTH"

Every United States President since that date, Presidents Harding-Coolidge-Hoover-Roosevelt, have given support to the Jewish National Home objective.

The United States Government support of the Jewish National Home is recorded legislatively in two acts forming part of the supreme law of the land, namely, THE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 73 UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED IN 1922 IN THE SIXTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; AND THE UNITED STATES-BRITISH CONVENTION ON PALESTINE, RATIFIED BY THE UNITED STATES SENATE ON FEBRUARY 20th 1925 and PROCLAIMED IN DECEMBER OF THAT YEAR.

UNITED STATES POLICY IS CLEAR AND UNMISTAKABLE.

The desires of the American people as to the policy to be pursued in Palestine have been repeatedly expressed in the clearest possible fashion.

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- a) ON TWO OCCASSIONS IN 1941 and 1945 WHEN A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS JOINED IN A DECLARATION FAVOURING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PALESTINE AS A JEWISH COMMONWEALTH - SIMILAR ACTION WAS TAKEN IN 1946
- b) A SIMILAR DECLARATION WAS MADE ON JULY 4th, 1946 BY THE GOVERNORS OF 40 STATES OUT OF THE 48 STATES OF THE UNION.
- c) THE LEGISLATORS OF 33 STATES COMPRISING 85% OF THE POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES HAVE GONE ON RECORD FAVOURING THE ZIONIST OBJECTIVE.
- d) IN THE SUMMER OF 1944 THE NATIONAL CONVENTIONS OF BOTH MAJOR PARTIES, THE DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN PARTIES ADOPTED DECLARATIONS FAVOURING THE OPENING OF PALESTINE TO UNRESTRICTED IMMIGRATION AND COLONIZATION.
- e) PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S STAND IS WELL KNOWN TO YOUR EXCELLENCY, It needs not to be repeated here.

In the 20 years between the two World Wars the Jews have done much to repair the ravages of the previous 1,300 years - They have conquered deserts and swamps, revived agriculture and established in Palestine a STURDY, SELF-RELIANT COMMUNITY, so that when the second World War broke out - while the neighbouring Arabs with their "MUFTI" played with Nazis - THE JEWISH PALESTINE SUPPORTED GREAT BRITAIN NOT ONLY WITH SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT - BUT ACTUALLY THE JEWS LOYALTY AND DEVOTION TO GREAT BRITAIN WAS PROVEN BY THE 35,000 VOLUNTEERS TO DIE FOR GREAT BRITAIN - THOUSANDS NEVER RETURNED, THEY DIED ON THE BATTLE FIELD.

BUT ALAS, THE JEWS ARE NOW THE FORGOTTEN ALLIES AND GREAT BRITAIN ADOPTED A POLICY OF APPEASEMENT TO THE ARABS.

RE-ARAB APPEASEMENT:

WE, Costa Rican Jewry, wish to go on record and state that as we see it, to the democratic world the eclipse of moral integrity brought the betrayal of Czecho-Slovakia, the shame of Munich and hastened the catastrophe of the war itself - A MIDDLE EAST MUNICH STAGED AT THE COST OF THE NATIONAL HOME and THE LIVES OF THE JEWISH SURVIVORS WOULD BE NOT ONLY A MORAL MONSTROSITY, IT WOULD BE MORE FUTILE AND ABSURD THAN THE ORIGINAL MUNICH ACT.

This would be an abortive act of appeasement of a non-existent force. The Arab-League is no German Reich -though it emulates the Nazi tactic. The League is a propaganda creation, its unity is fictitious, its military power is NIL.

We are reliably informed by our American brethren and friends that after a thorough investigation by special investigators that the entire Arab question is due to the instigation of a few autocrats-Arab Chieftains-who are plotting against the English as well as against the Jews.

There is a splendid cooperation between the Jews and the Arabs in village levels. The Arabs would gladly accept large numbers of Jews into Palestine, because they fully realize that their standard of living is a great deal higher than the standard of Arab living in Arab countries. Is it not a fact that about 80% of the present Palestinian Arabs have come to Palestine the last 25 years since the Jews commenced to immigrate into Palestine?

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The Jewish return to Palestine is no challenge to Arab control of a large area. No threat to Arab civilization. No obstacle to Arab progress.

History proves that for centuries the Arabs and the Jews have lived in peace and harmony - During the Middle Ages Jewish eminent scholars such as Maimonides-Juda Ibn Tiben-Solomon Gabriel and many others wrote their philosophical books in the Arabic language.

The Hebrew University on Mount Scopus, in Jerusalem, Israel's 20th Century contribution to civilization - building a bridge between the Eastern and Western ideologies, their first research and educational work in bringing to light the great philosophical books written in the Arabic language.

The stand taken by Dr. Juda Magnes for a Bi-National State of Arabs and Jews is well known.

Did not Emir Feisal, Chief of the Trans-Jordanian territory agree with the Balfour Declaration?

Many instances of recent date point to the fact of cooperation between the Jews and the Arabs - Only recently when the entire male population from a Jewish settlement were taken to a concentration camp, the neighbouring Arabs came and offered their services to work in the fields.

We can prove many instances like the above of recent date.

The Arab uprisings with which the Jews are threatened is only the voice of a few elegant trouble makers. Every boycott ordered by the Arab-League failed completely - The League's call for money to establish a National Fund similar to the Jewish National Fund was unanswered by the Arab population.

As stated above, THE JEWS AND THE ARABS CAN WELL GET ALONG TOGETHER.

In this connection there is a bitter fact, which we like to call to the attention of your government. There is now a fertile ground in the Middle East for the rise of Fascist ideologies, if the Autocrats and the semi-Feudal landlords - The mufti-Nazi leaders with their bogey threats of violence are supported by the British Government.

A STRONG JEWISH PALESTINE WOULD BE A BASTION OF DEMOCRACY'S PROGRESS AND SECURITY AT THE BRIDGEHEAD OF THREE CONTINENTS.

The Jews are not afraid of being massacred by the Arabs, and they can well take care of themselves.

Jewish Palestine could itself play a leading part, its military capacity has been abundantly proven by the history of Jewish self-defence and the fine record of Jewish military units in the last war - notably the Jewish Brigade Group which may be regarded as a nucleus of a mechanized Jewish Army.

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A Jewish homeland in Palestine, with the Jewish development as proven with its example of reconstruction, popular welfare, and democratic civilizations will prove the mightiest lever for uplift of the common people of the Middle East to their due place in democratic society. This, in our opinion is also the root cause of the opposition of oriental autocrats and semi-feudal landlords to the Jewish National Home and explains their sympathies with the Nazi creed.

The surrender of the National Jewish Home in Palestine would only embolden the aggressive spirit everywhere in the Middle East.

THE WHITE PAPER A VERDICT OF DEATH ON THE JEWISH SURVIVORS AND THE JEWISH NATIONAL HOME ITSELF, WILL BE OPPOSED BY THE JEWISH PEOPLE WITH ALL THE MEANS AT THEIR DISPOSAL - THOSE THAT HAVE SURVIVED THE NAZI TERRORS AND THE TORTURES OF THE CONCENTRATION CAMPS WILL NOT BE DETERRED BY THE DANGERS OR STOPPED BY ANY BARRIERS OBSTRUCTING THEIR WAY TO SALVATION.

In Miss Rathborn's words: "The Jews WILL FIGHT AND THE JEWS WILL BE RIGHT".

It took all the ruthlessness of Rome to subdue the resistance of Judea. This is not a task which democratic Britain will envy.

For centuries the Jewish people were loyal friends to the English people, and therefore as Jews we hardly can believe that the English people will allow the present Labour Government to repudiate England's honest pledge made through the Balfour Declaration.

WE STRONGLY PROTEST THE OUTRAGEOUS TREATMENT ACCORDED OUR PEOPLE IN PALESTINE AND MORE ESPECIALLY WE PROTEST AGAINST REMOVING THE "UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANTS" TO OTHER CONCENTRATION CAMPS, DENYING THEM THE RIGHT TO COME TO THEIR RIGHTFUL HOME "PALESTINE, THE LAND OF ISRAEL"

While we deplore the shedding of human blood, however we are aware of the fact - the attitude of the Jewish people as a whole - THE JEWS WILL RESIST THE FIGHT WAGED AGAINST US BY THE LABOUR GOVERNMENT OF ENGLAND - FOR IT IS A WAR AGAINST ALL THE JEWISH PEOPLE, IT THREATENS OUR NATIONAL EXISTENCE AND WHICH JUSTIFIES EMPLOYING ANY METHOD IN COMBATING IT.

CONCLUSION:

Your Excellency:

Please transmit this urgent request made by us in behalf of the masses of suffering humanity WHO CAN NOT WAIT, to your respectful government.

It would be cruel, which is not the English peoples' way of treating human beings, to deny their last hope for individual and national rehabilitation - DO NOT KEEP OUR SUFFERING PEOPLE IN FURTHER SUSPENSE -

OPEN THE LAND OF ISRAEL, TO THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL

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ONLY IN PALESTINE WILL THE JEWISH PEOPLE BE ABLE TO LIVE A NORMAL LIFE AS A PEOPLE AND AGAIN CREATE FOR THE WORLD'S FUTURE SUCH HUMAN AND CULTURAL VALUES AS THEY HAVE GIVEN THE WORLD IN THE PAST.

We hope and pray that Democratic England will be the messenger of GOD to assist Israel in its home coming and thereby fulfill the prophecy recorded in the Book of Books, Israel's contribution to civilization "THE HOLY BIBLE" where it is predicted that "FROM ZION WILL COME OUT THE LAW, and THE WORD OF GOD FROM JERUSALEM".

Respectfully submitted

ASOCIACION SIONISTA UNIDA

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BRITISH EMBASSY,  
WASHINGTON 8, D. C.  
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Dear Department,

Apart from factual reports concerning the progress of the Zionist Actions Committee meetings in Palestine and other events in that country, there has been little of interest on the Zionist front this week.

The most interesting articles have been a series of three reports sent from Jerusalem by Stewart Alsop. He recognises that the United States is now involved in the Middle East and must therefore demand a quick solution of the Palestine problem in its own interests in order to prevent the Soviet Union from profiting by this running sore. He states briefly the Zionist and Arab arguments and describes the present atmosphere of tension in Palestine and the reasons for it. He then goes on to analyse the basis of British policy in the country. He considers that the single over-riding factor affecting British policy in Palestine has been awareness of the political objectives of the Soviet Union. This consideration is particularly strong, he thinks, in British military thinking, although certain other British officials ascribe present difficulties to the lack of any policy. Many British people sense that the old imperialist technique of influence exercised through a favoured minority is creaking badly, but in view of economic conditions at home and of the fact that support for a Jewish State would enable the Soviet Union to influence the Arab masses, they see no alternative to this technique.

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Alsoop inclines towards partition, in spite of its many disadvantages, because he feels it to be quite clear that Arab-Jewish agreement is impossible and that no state can long survive with two component parts which politically and socially are utterly antipathetic. Any solution would almost certainly have to be imposed by force, he believes, in view of Jewish-Arab hatred. A quick settlement is, he considers, an urgent U.S. interest. Delay is to the advantage of the Soviet Union. The settlement which the United States decide to support in the United Nations should be framed with a view to over-all American interests, not only in Palestine but throughout the Middle East. The two factors most closely affecting those interests are Soviet ambitions in the area, and the increasing tempo of the British withdrawal. It is no good, he concludes, "shouting power politics and oil diplomacy at the British". They cannot be expected to commit the national suicide which would result from the loss of Middle Eastern oil. But that does not mean that American policy, now so deeply committed in this area, should slavishly follow the British lead.

It is reported in the press that a number of questions on Palestine have been included in the list submitted by Senators on the Greek-Turkish Aid Bill. The gist of these questions is that as the British force in Palestine is very much greater than that in Greece, and as this involves a vast expenditure incurred despite Britain's alleged inability to look after Greece, is any attempt being made to study the question of whether British military personnel concentrated in Palestine could have been used in Greece? Should not the Palestine question, moreover, now be settled with the British in this same connexion? The report stated that some thirty Senators had submitted questions on

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Palestine, among them being Senators Lodge (R.,Mass.), Brewster (R.,Maine), Wiley (R.,Wisc.), Ives (R.,New York), Wagner (D.,New York), Pepper (D.,Florida), Thomas (D.,Utah). Brewster, Wagner and Pepper are old warriors in this cause, and Ives made, as previously reported, his maiden speech on the subject of Palestine.

A new development reported by the New York Consulate-General is an attempt at Irish-Zionist collaboration made in a public meeting on 23rd March. The participants were the United Irish of America and the American League for a Free Palestine. The rally was in support of joint freedom for Ireland and Palestine and of the resistance in Palestine. On the Irish side the speaker was Charles F. Connolly, publisher of the Anglophobe "Irish Echo", and on the Zionist side the speakers were Congressman Somers of Brooklyn, and William Ziff, author of "The Rape of Palestine". The meeting had little publicity, although an attendance of four thousand was claimed. The Consulate-General doubt whether this meeting marked any serious attempt at Irish-Zionist collaboration.

Yours ever,

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Give text of remarks made by RABBI Silver in New York on his return from Palestine on March 31, according to Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

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Dear Department,

According to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency the following remarks were made by Rabbi Silver in New York on his return from Palestine on 31st March:

"The British officers and men in Palestine have no heart for the dirty work Bevin has assigned to them - that of driving helpless men, women and children away from the shores of the Jewish national home the British Labor Party endorsed so enthusiastically three months before it took office.

"There is widespread skepticism among the Jews of Palestine as to the real intentions of the British Government in referring the Palestine issue to the United Nations. They know Mr. Bevin's record of calculating delay by means of which he hopes to break the morale of the refugees who are waiting to go to Palestine and thereby force them to scatter and seek haven elsewhere. He is also playing for a rift in the solidarity of the Jews of Palestine and of the world in the hope of maneuvering them into two opposing camps of "moderates" and "extremists" and to use the former to liquidate Zionism by establishing a little Jewish ghetto in Palestine, while retaining for Great Britain actual control of the country indefinitely.

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"There is also considerable speculation as to America's recently announced program with reference to Greece and Turkey. They wonder whether that involves a new American foreign policy with reference to the entire Middle East including Palestine. If so, they ask whether it would really be an American policy or merely an underwriting of British imperial policy and interests.

"There is a great urgency for a clear enunciation of America's true position with reference to Palestine. They ask me if Secretary of State Marshall intends to follow Bevin or whether he will follow the line enunciated time and time again by the Presidents of the United States and the Congress of the United States."

In reply to questions by reporters, Dr. Silver is said to have refused to predict the outcome of the Palestine question before the United Nations, since there were, he said, no precedents upon which he could base his forecast. He added that the Zionists would prepare their case as fully as possible.

Yours ever,

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AT PHILADELPHIA

Enclosure - Copy of letter No. 64  
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Bromley, Esq., British Embassy,  
Washington, on Palestine.

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BRITISH CONSULATE GENERAL  
PHILADELPHIA

22nd March, 1947

Dear Bromley,

Your letter of 10th March.

Here are some more cuttings from the local press on the Palestine question. - The first is an advertisement inserted by the American League for a Free Palestine in the Philadelphia Inquirer of 11th March; the other three appeared in the same paper of the 19th, 20th, and 21st March. These speak for themselves.

Ziff's contribution contains the mis-statements and distortions of fact which one has come to expect from Zionist writers. Sir Norman Angell makes some good points. You will note Dr. Kheirallah's reference to the fact that contributions to the various Zionist organisations in this country are tax exempt.

Developments in Palestine have been rather overshadowed of late by the news from Moscow, and the discussions about United States aid for Greece and Turkey, but we continue to notice frequent references to the activities of various Jewish groups in this area. The Philadelphia Daily News recently had a report that "scores of liberty loving Philadelphians have volunteered to brave the British blockade and sail refugee ships into strife-stricken Palestine". According to this journal, prospective recruits are being referred to the office of the American Sea and Air Volunteers for Hebrew Repatriation, 25 West 45th Street, New York City.

....."Captain"

T. E. Bromley, Esq.,  
British Embassy,  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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"Captain" Rivka Yoffe of the Palestine Women's Volunteer Army visited Wilmington, Delaware, during the month, apparently for the purpose of addressing one of the Jewish organizations in that city, though we have not seen any report of what she had to say. This lady is said to be the delegate of the Pioneer Women's Organization in Palestine, and according to the press is touring the United States, Canada, and Mexico on behalf of this organization. She was for a time Secretary to Professor Selig Brodetsky, head of the Jewish Agency in London.

With reference to the second paragraph of your letter now under reply, please see my No. 185 (18.M.10-2) of 2nd July, 1946, to Randy about a visit which Sharfsin paid me. Sharfsin's statement referred to on page four of my No. 38 of 1st March is the second occasion he has made a public pronouncement about Mr. Bevin's alleged undertaking to him and to his colleagues of the Gillette Mission. When he returned to Philadelphia in December, 1945, after having been to London, he was quoted by the press as saying: "I was assured by Prime Minister (sic) Bevin that any interim resolutions agreed to by the Joint Committee concerning free immigration will receive immediate governmental attention by the British". You will have observed from my letter that he goes farther in the statement which he issued to the press last month.

Mr. Wilbert B. Smith, the Executive Secretary of The Wilmington Council of Churches, who addressed the Optimist Club here the other day, has sent me copies of two bulletins on Palestine, one issued by the Federal Council of Churches in October, 1944, and the other by the Foreign Missions Conference in November, 1944. I imagine these papers are among your records. Smith spoke on the subject of Egypt, though he ranged fairly freely over the whole of the Mediterranean area. He was

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connected for almost thirty years with the Y.M.C.A. in Egypt and Palestine, and is naturally very well informed about the Middle East. In conversation with me after the meeting, he criticized the apparent reluctance of the United States Government to let down immigration barriers and admit some of the European displaced persons, and said that he had repeatedly emphasized in both public and private discussions the desirability of allowing some at least of these unfortunate people to enter this country.

*immigrants* He added that he had been told by Zionist friends that they had long since abandoned any hope that any considerable number of Jewish D.P.'s would be permitted to come here. He expressed doubts whether the Zionists themselves wanted these refugees admitted to the United States in any considerable numbers as they feared that an influx of destitute or near-destitute might arouse antagonism in labour circles which would react unfavourably on those Jews who are already established here.

Smith clearly felt that it would be a mistake for us to underrate the anti-British feeling which is being fomented by the Zionists. In his view, if only one side of the case is presented sufficiently frequently and forcibly, the man in the street is apt to believe that it represents the whole story.

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# More Ships Are Coming



More men, women, children  
**SAVED** from the rot  
of DP camps . . . .  
**WITH YOUR DOLLARS!**

**YESTERDAY**, existing insecurely in a European hellhole.

**TODAY**, a British "prisoner" in Cyprus, but near Palestine.

**TOMORROW**, safe and happy in Palestine.

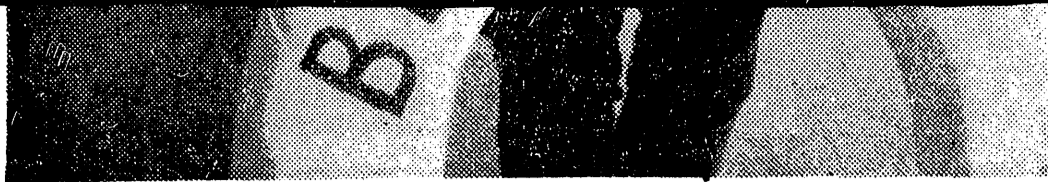
## **Do it again! and again!** **and again!**

Your American dollars paid for the Hebrew Repatriation ship "S. S. Ben Hecht" . . . and for the other ships we need. American crews man these ships. American food sustains the passengers. The British try to call it "illegal". But Americans say there is no such thing as an **ILLEGAL** Hebrew life. If it's legal for the British to live, **IT'S LEGAL FOR HEBREWS TO LIVE**. In dignity. In safety . . . instead of in DP camps.

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**THE SHIPS ARE READY . . . THE CREWS ARE READY . . . BUT THE PASSENGERS ARE WAITING . . . WAITING! NOW IS THE TIME TO THROW ANOTHER PUNCH, THE STRONGEST ONE YOU CAN.** \$250 saves a life—repatriates a Hebrew man, woman or child on the way to Palestine. Send us \$250—\$50—\$5 to speed the Hebrews home in an armada of Mercy Ships. The need is now—the time is now—the victory can be now. Hit hard to save more lives. You must send all you can—NOW. (And get your friends to send money too!)



**THEY ARE LUCKY.** They are saved. But there are tens of thousands more still locked in Europe. Conferences won't move them. Words won't move them. Ships will. More ships. And the ships are ready. *Only your money is needed!*

*Repatriation Supervisory Board*

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Pennsylvania Division  
106 South 16th Street, Philadelphia 2, Penna.

*give us the money . . . we'll get them there!*

## SAVE MORE "ILLEGAL" LIVES—TODAY

Messrs. Hecht, Rogers, Bromfield,  
Repatriation Supervisory Board,  
American League for a Free Palestine, Inc.,  
25 West 45th Street, New York 19, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I gladly subscribe the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to aid your work toward repatriating Hebrews from Europe to Palestine. Let's get them there.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
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National Committee for Labour Palestine.  
 State MOSHE SHERTON made speech on April 6. at 15th Annual Third Seder of Committee. According to Press, he stressed necessity for Jews everywhere to be united to go to strengthen Zionist case before United Nations.

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BRITISH EMBASSY,

WASHINGTON 8, D. C.

10th April 1947

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Dear Department,

Moshe Shertok made a speech on the 6th April at the 15th Annual Third Seder of the National Committee for Labour Palestine.

According to the press, he stressed the necessity for Jews everywhere to be united so as to strengthen the Zionist case before the United Nations. In spite of the importance of the decision to be made by the United Nations, he considered that the ultimate fate of Jewish Palestine lay in the hands of the Jews themselves and that it was most essential to bring over Jews despite the ban, to settle them despite the land laws, and to equip them for defence against any danger that might arise.

He then went on to make a strong attack on the anarchy which threatened the Zionist struggle for a Jewish State in Palestine and on terrorist activities. He spoke of the terrorists as staining the Jewish standard with the blood of innocent people and of providing "our British enemies" with ready excuses for mass reprisals which hit the Jews harder and harder. He also condemned the "advertising techniques" of some organisations in the United States which were engaged in keeping the problem of the independence of Palestine before the people. He described this as a huge fraud being perpetrated on a credulous public, and as a profanation of the sacred slogan of Jewish independence.

Other speeches were made by Rabbi Stephen S. Wise and by Mayor O'Dwyer of New York. The former predicted a free Jewish state in Palestine before the end of the year. The latter expressed the hope that the U.S. Government, through the State Department, would insist that Palestine be opened as a home to the thousands of displaced Jews in European camps.

Eastern Department,  
Foreign Office,  
London, S.W.1.

Yours ever,

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No. M'Foulds  
Dated Manila,  
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18 April 1947  
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Jewish Community, Philippines  
Refer Manila despatch 27 (E 2379/22/11) which transmitted an appeal on behalf of Dov Green. State H/C Pollential requests that sender of appeal be informed that he has carefully considered same but regrets unable to intervene. M'Foulds states as appeal was also addressed to P.N. he would prefer to take no action pending instructions from F.O.

Last Paper.

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FROM MANILA TO FOREIGN OFFICE

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Mr. Foulds.  
No. 94e

D. 5.15. p.m. 18th April  
1947.

18th April 1947.

R. 2.10. p.m. 18th April  
1947.

My despatch 27.

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E 2379/32/21

Appeal by Jewish Community of the Philippines on behalf of Gruner.

Telegram 548 from the High Commissioner Jerusalem requests that senders may be informed that he has carefully considered their appeal but regret that he is unable to intervene.

2. As the appeal in question was also addressed to the Prime Minister I should prefer to take no action pending instructions from you.

3. In any event as the local press has already published the news of Gruner's execution I doubt whether any useful purpose would be served by making a communication of this nature.

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*Your telegram no 94,  
para graph 3.*

*[ Appeal by Jewish Community  
of Philippines for DOV GRUNER ]*

*I agree*

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Your telegram No. 94, paragraph 3.

[Appeal by Jewish Community of Philippines  
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I agree.

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B. L. Avery  
Washington

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Dated

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Proposal by American Jewish Conference.  
Press reports that Conference, have requested  
Mr. Acheron to support a proposal for  
excluding Britain and the Arab States  
from any investigating commission on  
Palestine if the Jewish Agency is excluded  
therefrom.

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BRITISH EMBASSY,  
WASHINGTON 8, D. C.  
17th April 1947

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[E.N.]

Ref: 200/183/47

Dear Department,

Press reports state that the American Jewish Conference have requested Mr. Acheson to support a proposal for excluding Britain and the Arab States from any investigating commission on Palestine if the Jewish Agency is also excluded therefrom.

The letter, which was signed by Mr. Lipsky, is said to have declared that Britain had lost her standing as a trustee guarding the interests of others, that she was ruling Palestine under the White Paper of 1939 in utter disregard of the provisions of the Mandate, and that she intended to continue to govern Palestine in violation of these provisions.

In the event of a decision that all parties directly concerned should be included in the preparatory work, the letter concluded, the Special Assembly of the U.N. should formulate its rules of procedure so as to permit the recognised representative of the Jewish people in Palestine, namely the Jewish Agency, to serve on the Commission as a party directly concerned.

Yours ever,

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Eastern Department,  
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